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## 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## **FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2011**

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No. 664

H.P. 494

House of Representatives, February 17, 2011

An Act To Ensure Apportionment of Scallop Licenses

Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Clerk

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Presented by Representative TILTON of Harrington. Cosponsored by President RAYE of Washington and

Representative: BURNS of Whiting, Senator: TRAHAN of Lincoln.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

- **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6706, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 607, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:
- 3. Scallop license limited entry system. Notwithstanding subsection 2, the commissioner shall establish by rule a limited entry system under which a person who did not hold a hand fishing scallop license or a scallop dragging license in the previous calendar year may become eligible to obtain that license. The rules for a limited entry system must include provisions for the method and administration of the program, including a process to ensure that hand fishing scallop licenses and scallop dragging licenses are available in regions where these licenses were previously issued. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

13 SUMMARY

This bill requires the Commissioner of Marine Resources to adopt rules for the limited entry scallop system that contain a process to ensure that hand fishing scallop licenses and scallop dragging licenses are available in regions where those licenses were previously issued.