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L.D. 1233

Date: 5/20/15

(Filing No. S- 109)

**MARINE RESOURCES**

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**SENATE**

**127TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 438, L.D. 1233, Bill, "An Act To Improve Enforcement of Maine's Marine Resources Laws"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6022, sub-§20** is enacted to read:

**20. Sale of general merchandise.** The commissioner may engage in the selling and marketing of general merchandise products when the express purpose is to accommodate public demand and generate supplemental funds for the Bureau of Marine Patrol.

A. The commissioner may create dedicated accounts for depositing money received from the sale of general merchandise products pursuant to this subsection.

B. Funds received by the commissioner from the sale of general merchandise products pursuant to this subsection must be deposited in a dedicated account to be used only to market, promote and increase public awareness of the Bureau of Marine Patrol and to recruit marine patrol officers.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3.

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment strikes the portion of the bill that provides authority for a marine patrol officer to use covert electronic surveillance to inspect watercraft or vehicles used in a licensed marine resources activity. This amendment also provides authority for the Commissioner of Marine Resources to sell general merchandise to support the Bureau of Marine Patrol.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1233

LR 511(02)

**An Act To Improve Enforcement of Maine's Marine Resources Laws**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-109)**  
**Committee: Marine Resources**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund  
Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) from requiring the department to deliver notice by mail or by hand to individuals failing to comply with certain reporting requirements are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. The bill also allows DMR to sell and market general merchandise products and use the proceeds to increase public awareness of the Bureau of Marine Patrol and recruit marine patrol officers. Any additional revenue to DMR is expected to be minor.