

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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MARINE RESOURCES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 496, L.D. 705, Bill, "An Act To Prevent Marine Debris"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6006 is enacted to read:

§6006. Bait packaging

A person engaged in commercial or recreational fishing in the coastal waters of the State may not have in that person's possession on a vessel any plastic wrapping, cardboard cartons or plastic strapping used to package bait for sale. A person may not discard or abandon into any coastal waters any materials used to package bait for sale. A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of \$250 must be adjudged.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, prohibits a person engaged in commercial or recreational fishing in the coastal waters of the State from possessing on a vessel any plastic wrapping, cardboard cartons or plastic strapping used to package bait for sale. The amendment prohibits a person from discarding into any coastal waters any materials used to package bait. The amendment provides that a person who possesses plastic wrapping, cardboard cartons or plastic strapping or who discards bait packaging into any coastal waters commits a civil violation with a fine of \$250. The bill contains similar provisions but applies only to lobster or crab bait packaging.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 705

LR 745(02)

An Act To Prevent Marine Debris

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-350)

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new civil violations.

The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Marine Resources from a prohibition on the possession and disposal of certain plastic wrapping, cardboard cartons or plastic strapping used in the packaging of lobster or crab bait while engaged in commercial or recreational fishing in the coastal waters of the State are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.