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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 238, L.D. 314, Bill, "An Act To Simplify Apprenticeship Requirements for Student and Apprentice Lobster and Crab Fishing License Holders"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Simplify Apprenticeship Requirements for Student Lobster and Crab Fishing License Holders'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6422, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Validation of experience. The commissioner shall allow a person who has not attained 18 years of age and who has a student lobster and crab fishing license to demonstrate program completion through documentation that the license holder has confirmable, dealer-reported landings of at least 4,000 pounds of lobster over a period of 100 days at sea to be completed over 2 separate seasons. Nothing in this subsection prohibits the commissioner from establishing additional methods by which a person with a student lobster and crab fishing license may demonstrate program completion.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6422, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 468, §4, is amended to read:

2. Length of program. The Except as provided in subsection 1-A, the commissioner shall determine the length of time an apprentice is enrolled in the program, which must be a minimum of 2 years.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF
Bureau of Marine Science 0027

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Initiative: Provides an ongoing appropriation for one Marine Resources Scientist I
2 position and All Other funding for a laptop, a cellular telephone, software and remote
3 access costs.

4	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
5	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
6	Personal Services	\$36,428	\$49,066
7	All Other	\$2,291	\$3,054
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9	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$38,719</u>	<u>\$52,120</u>

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

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This amendment removes the requirement that the Commissioner of Marine
15 Resources allow a person with an apprentice lobster and crab fishing license to
16 demonstrate apprentice program completion through lobster landings. It clarifies that the
17 allowance for a student lobster and crab fishing license holder applies only to a license
18 holder who is less than 18 years of age and that landings must be confirmable, dealer-
19 reported landings. Lastly, it specifies that 4,000 pounds of lobster must be caught over
20 the course of 100 days at sea to be completed over 2 separate seasons, and not over 2
21 years, as in the bill.

22 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

23 (See attached)



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LD 314

LR 854(02)

An Act To Simplify Apprenticeship Requirements for Student and Apprentice Lobster and Crab Fishing License Holders

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

A(H-14)

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$38,719	\$52,120	\$53,592	\$55,108
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$38,719	\$52,120	\$53,592	\$55,108

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the Department of Marine Resources to allow a person with a student lobster and crab fishing license who is less than 18 years of age to demonstrate apprentice program completion through verified landings of at least 4,000 pounds of lobster caught over the course of 100 days at sea to be completed over 2 separate seasons. This will require access to the currently confidential landings information for approximately 1095 licensees. The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Marine Resources, Bureau of Marine Science, of \$38,719 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$52,120 in fiscal year 2020-21 for one Marine Resources Scientist I position and associated All Other costs.