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An Act To Authorize the Establishment of an Apprentice License for the Maine Scallop Fishery

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

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Presented by Representative McDONALD of Stonington. Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BABINE of Scarborough, BLUME of York, COLLINGS of Portland, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, HEPLER of Woolwich, HOBBS of Wells, JAVNER of Chester.

- 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- 2 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6702, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Apprentice license. The department may establish by rule an apprentice program
 for entry into the scallop fishery that includes an apprentice license for a resident who is
 18 years of age or older to engage in dragging for scallops under the supervision of a
 person licensed under this section. The fee for an apprentice scallop dragging license is
 \$250.

8 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6706, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2011, c. 237, §2, is further 9 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 system.
 Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive routine technical rules as
 defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

- Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6729, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2007, c. 607, Pt. A,
 §12, is further amended to read:
- B. For a scallop draggers license, \$100, plus an additional \$250 to sponsor an
 apprentice pursuant to section 6702, subsection 7;
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SUMMARY

22 This bill allows the Department of Marine Resources to establish by rule an apprentice program for entry into the scallop fishery that includes an apprentice license 23 allowing an apprentice to engage in dragging for scallops under the supervision of a 24 25 scallop dragging license holder. It sets the apprentice license fee at \$250 and creates a 26 \$250 license surcharge for a scallop dragger to sponsor an apprentice. It limits participation to residents and makes 18 years of age the minimum age to participate as an 27 apprentice. It also changes rules to implement the scallop license limited entry system 28 from major substantive rules to routine technical rules. 29