

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.D. 1552

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**MARINE RESOURCES**

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1127, L.D. 1552, Bill, "An Act To Make Technical Changes to Maine's Marine Resources Laws"

Amend the bill by adding after section 9 the following:

**Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §6808, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 186, §1, is amended to read:

**1. License required.** It is unlawful for a person to engage in the activities authorized by ~~this license under this section~~ subsection 2 without a current commercial green crab only license. This subsection does not apply to a person who holds a current lobster and crab fishing license issued pursuant to section 6421, subsection 1, paragraph A, B, C or E.

**Sec. 11. 12 MRSA §6808, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

**4-A. Exemptions.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, a license is not required to fish for, take, possess or transport green crabs for personal use if the green crabs are taken by hand or by a method exempted from licensing requirements under section 6501, subsection 3, paragraph A.'

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

**SUMMARY**

This amendment clarifies that a person who holds a current lobster and crab fishing license does not need to obtain a commercial green crab only license to fish for or take green crabs or possess, ship, transport or sell green crabs. This amendment also exempts a person from commercial green crab licensing requirements if that person is fishing for,

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taking, possessing or transporting green crabs for personal use and the green crabs are taken by hand or by speargun, harpoon, minnow trap, hand dip net or hook and line.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**



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An Act To Make Technical Changes to Maine's Marine Resources Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-289)*

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill makes changes to the laws regarding the Aquaculture Advisory Council, defines a vessel's base of operations, repeals the defunct Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat Advisory Council and clarifies eligibility criteria for non-resident lobster landings permits and green crab licenses. Any costs to the Department of Marine Resources are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.