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MARINE
RESOURCES

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1348, L.D. 1882, Bill, "An Act To Provide Noncommercial Lobster and Crab Fishing Licenses and Scallop Licenses to Disabled Veterans at No Cost"

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§7-B, ¶Q, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. EEEEE, §3, is amended to read:

Q. For a noncommercial lobster and crab fishing license, \$60, except as provided in subsection 7-D; and

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§7-D is enacted to read:

7-D. Qualified resident disabled veteran; fee waived. Notwithstanding subsection 7-B, there is no fee for a noncommercial lobster and crab fishing license issued to a qualified resident disabled veteran. For the purposes of this subsection, "qualified resident disabled veteran" means a person who:

A. Was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States, the National Guard or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces;

B. Has a service-connected disability evaluated at 50% or more; and

C. Is a resident of the State.

In order to receive a noncommercial lobster and crab fishing license at no cost, an applicant must provide satisfactory evidence that the applicant is a qualified resident disabled veteran.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6703, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. G, §19, is further amended to read:

4. Fee. The fee for a noncommercial scallop license is \$18, except as provided in subsection 4-A.

1 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6703, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

2 **4-A. Qualified resident disabled veteran; fee waived.** Notwithstanding subsection
3 4 and section 6729, subsection 1, paragraph D, there is no fee or license surcharge for a
4 noncommercial scallop license issued to a qualified resident disabled veteran. For the
5 purposes of this subsection, "qualified resident disabled veteran" means a person who:

6 A. Was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States, the
7 National Guard or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces;

8 B. Has a service-connected disability evaluated at 50% or more; and

9 C. Is a resident of the State.

10 In order to receive a noncommercial scallop license at no cost, an applicant must provide
11 satisfactory evidence that the applicant is a qualified resident disabled veteran.

12 **Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §6729, sub-§1, ¶D,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 561, §25, is
13 further amended to read:

14 D. For a noncommercial scallop license, \$40, except as provided in section 6703,
15 subsection 4-A; and'

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

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This amendment replaces the bill. It clarifies that a qualified resident disabled veteran
20 may obtain a noncommercial lobster and crab fishing license or a noncommercial scallop
21 license at no cost, and it adds reservists to the definition of "qualified resident disabled
22 veteran." It also exempts a qualified resident disabled veteran from paying the scallop
23 license surcharge that is assessed on a noncommercial scallop license.

24 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

25 (See attached)



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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(11-672)*

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor revenue decrease - General Fund
Minor revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill would allow residents who are qualified disabled veterans to obtain a noncommercial lobster and crab fishing license or a noncommercial scallop license at no cost. Residents who are qualified disabled veterans are also exempted from paying the scallop license surcharge on a noncommercial scallop license. These exemptions would result in minor General Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds decreases. The amount of revenue decrease cannot be determined at this time but is not anticipated to be significant.