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MARINE RESOURCES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1343, L.D. 2013, "An Act to Authorize the Commissioner of Marine Resources to Adopt Emergency Rules to Protect Certain Marine Mammals in Exceptional Circumstances"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 6 in the 4th line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "commissioner" the following: 'upon consultation with industry personnel.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6171, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Annual report on use of emergency rule-making authority. The department shall submit a written report on or before January 1st of each year to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters regarding the use of emergency rulemaking pursuant to subsection 6. The joint standing committee may report out a bill based on the report to any regular or special session of the Legislature in the year the report is due.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment adds language to specify that the emergency rule-making authority established by the bill may be exercised by the Commissioner of Marine Resources upon consultation with industry personnel. The amendment also replaces the one-time reporting requirement with an annual reporting requirement.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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LD 2013

LR 2635(02)

An Act to Authorize the Commissioner of Marine Resources to Adopt Emergency Rules to Protect Certain Marine Mammals in Exceptional Circumstances

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-856)

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Marine Resources from the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.