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House of Representatives, December 5, 2025

An Act to Offer Military Veterans a 50 Percent Discount on the License Fee for a Commercial Shellfish License

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 3, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative TUELL of East Machias.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6601, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. EEEEE, §14, is further amended to read:

5. License fee. Except as provided in ~~subsection~~ subsections 5-A and 5-B, the fee for a commercial shellfish license is \$58.25.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6601, sub-§5-A, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. EEEEE, §15, is further amended to read:

5-A. Exception; age. The fee for a commercial shellfish license for applicants 70 years of age or older and applicants under 18 years of age is \$67, which must be deposited in the Shellfish Fund established under section 6651.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6601, sub-§5-B is enacted to read:

5-B. Exception; veterans. The department shall offer a 50% discount on the applicable license fee required under subsection 5 or 5-A to an applicant who is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces and who was honorably discharged.

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2027.

SUMMARY

This bill directs the Department of Marine Resources to offer a 50% discount on the license fee to obtain a commercial shellfish license for an applicant who is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces and who was honorably discharged.