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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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(a) Conducting appropriate water resources investigations in watersheds at risk;

(b) Considering projected increased water use by population, agricultural irrigation, commercial users, industrial users and other users;

(c) Considering seasonal use;

(d) Considering potential effects of climate change;

(e) Considering the effects of anticipated future water quality classification changes on the availability of water for withdrawal;

(f) In establishing priorities for further investigations, seeking input from the user community, from towns dealing with multimunicipal aquifers and from towns with significant local aquifers; and

(g) Developing guidelines for consistency in further investigations.

C. The committee shall conduct annual reviews of state policy with regard to:

- (1) Conservation of water resources;
- (2) Development of regional sources and solutions to water use issues;
- (3) Incentives for stewardship of water resources; and
- (4) Effects of surface water quality improvements on water withdrawal opportunities.

D. The committee shall provide guidance to municipalities and water districts and develop and disseminate educational materials on water resources and the regulatory regime.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§68-C is enacted to read:

68-C.

<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>Water Resources Planning Committee</u>	<u>Not Authorized</u>	<u>5 MRSA §6401</u>
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**CHAPTER 68
H.P. 266 - L.D. 340**

An Act To Clarify the Temporary Medical Allowance Relating to Lobster and Crab Fishing Licenses

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6450, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2017, c. 352, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Temporary medical allowance. Notwithstanding section 6421, upon request the commissioner may issue a temporary medical allowance that permits an individual to fish under the authority of the license of a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license holder ~~but not under the license holder's direct supervision~~ when that license holder is unable to fish if the following criteria are met:

- A. The individual who will be fishing has successfully completed an apprentice program under section 6422;
- B. The individual who will be fishing is the child ~~or~~ spouse or domestic partner of the individual who holds the Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license;
- C. The holder of the Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license is unable to use that license, all or part of the time, due to a substantial illness or medical condition. The holder of the Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license shall provide the commissioner with documentation from a physician describing the illness or other medical condition; and
- D. The holder of the Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license documents to the commissioner that the license holder harvested a minimum of 1,000 pounds of lobsters within one year prior to the request for the temporary medical allowance.

A request for a temporary medical allowance must be in writing and must specify the dates for which the temporary medical allowance is requested. The holder of the Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license on which the temporary medical allowance is based must maintain a valid license during the duration of the temporary medical allowance. The holder of the Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license is liable for the activities of the individual fishing under the temporary medical allowance, whether or not the license holder is present on the vessel.

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