

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY

H.P. 1348 - L.D. 1882

**An Act To Provide Noncommercial Lobster and Crab Fishing Licenses and Scallop Licenses to Disabled Veterans at No Cost**

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

**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.

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

**4-A. Qualified resident disabled veteran; fee waived.** Notwithstanding subsection 4 and section 6729, subsection 1, paragraph D, there is no fee or license surcharge for a noncommercial scallop 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 scallop license at no cost, an applicant must provide satisfactory evidence that the applicant is a qualified resident disabled veteran.

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

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