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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Reduce Lobster and Crab Fishing License Fees for Persons 70 Years of Age or Older'

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

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§8, as amended by PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. WW, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

8. Exception. The fee for a license for an applicant 70 years of age or older is:

A. For a Class I or an apprentice lobster and crab fishing license, \$57;

B. For a Class II lobster and crab fishing license, \$114; and

<u>C.</u> For a Class III lobster and crab fishing license, \$170.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6455, sub-§5, ¶B, as amended by PL 2001, c. 226, §1, is further amended to read:

B. Class II crab and lobster licenses, \$62.50, except that for license holders 70 years of age or older the surcharge is \$32;

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6455, sub-§5, ¶**C**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 226, §1, is further amended to read:

C. Class III crab and lobster licenses, \$93.75, except that for license holders 70 years of age or older the surcharge is \$47;'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and reduces by approximately 50% the fees for Class I, II and III lobster and crab fishing licenses and the surcharges on those licenses for applicants 70 years of age or older.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)