



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1604

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An Act To Make Technical Changes to Marine Resources Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill lowers fiscal year 2014, fiscal year 2015 and fiscal years 2016 through 2018 surcharges for nonresident lobster and crab landing permits from \$425 to \$160.75, \$850 to \$320.75 and \$1,275 to \$480.75 respectively. This bill lowers fees for commercial green crab only licenses from \$38 to \$10 for residents and from \$76 to \$20 for nonresidents. The bill allows the holder of a marine worm dealer's license to buy, possess, ship, transport or sell green crabs for non-human consumption purposes without a commercial green crab only license. The Department of Marine Resources has indicated that very few of these permits and licenses are currently sold and that lowering the price should increase the number sold, offsetting most of the fee reductions.