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## MARINE RESOURCES

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### STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 132ND LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 137, L.D. 214, “An Act to Create a For-hire Charter Boat Operator License and to Require Individuals Recreationally Fishing for Halibut in Coastal Waters to Register with the Saltwater Recreational Fishing Registry”

Amend the bill in section 5 in §6313 by striking out all of subsection 3 (page 2, lines 3 to 5 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**3. Agent fees.** A fee may not be charged for a for-hire charter boat operator's license under this section. A person seeking a license through an agent may be charged an agent fee of \$2. A person seeking a license through a publicly accessible online electronic system for licensing may be charged an agent fee of \$1. A person seeking a license at an office of the department from a department employee may be charged an agent fee of \$1.

Amend the bill in section 5 in §6313 in subsection 4 by striking out all of paragraph A (page 2, lines 9 and 10 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'A. Possesses a valid United States merchant marine document issued by the United States Coast Guard for an operator of uninspected passenger vessel or master or mate captain's license; or'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

**'Sec. 6. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

## SUMMARY

This amendment makes the following changes to the bill.

1. It removes the license fee for a for-hire charter boat operator's license from the bill and replaces it with an agent fee.

2. It corrects language referencing the United States Coast Guard.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**