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An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6455, sub-§5-A, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 309, §2, is
3 repealed.

4 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6455, sub-§5-A, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 492, §5, is
5 repealed.

6 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6455, sub-§5-A, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 492, §5, is
7 repealed.

8 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6455, sub-§5-A, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 368, §3, is
9 further amended to read:

10 D. ~~For the years 2016 to 2021 the~~ The surcharges are, for:

11 (1) Class I lobster and crab fishing licenses for persons 18 to 69 years of age,
12 \$165.25;

13 (2) Class II lobster and crab fishing licenses, \$330.50, except that for license
14 holders 70 years of age or older the surcharge is \$165;

15 (3) Class III lobster and crab fishing licenses, \$480.75, except that for license
16 holders 70 years of age or older the surcharge is \$240;

17 (4) Nonresident lobster and crab landing permits, \$480.75;

18 (5) Wholesale seafood licenses with lobster permits if the license holders hold no
19 supplemental wholesale seafood licenses with lobster permits, or lobster
20 transportation licenses if the license holders hold no supplemental lobster
21 transportation licenses, \$1,200;

22 (6) Supplemental wholesale seafood licenses with lobster permits or supplemental
23 lobster transportation licenses as follows:

24 (a) One thousand eight hundred dollars for up to 2 supplemental wholesale
25 seafood licenses with lobster permits or supplemental lobster transportation
26 licenses;

27 (b) Two thousand four hundred dollars for 3 to 5 supplemental wholesale
28 seafood licenses with lobster permits or supplemental lobster transportation
29 licenses; and

30 (c) Three thousand dollars for 6 or more supplemental wholesale seafood
31 licenses with lobster permits or supplemental lobster transportation licenses;
32 and

33 (7) Lobster processor licenses, \$1,000 if less than 1,000,000 pounds of raw product
34 is processed, and \$4,000 if 1,000,000 pounds or more of raw product is processed.

35 **Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §6455, sub-§9**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 368, §5, is repealed.

36 **SUMMARY**

37 This bill repeals the provision repealing the laws governing the Maine Lobster
38 Marketing Collaborative. The bill also makes the collaborative's license surcharges
39 ongoing at current amounts.