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Amend the bill in the emergency preamble by striking out all of the 3rd, 4th and 5th paragraphs (page 1, lines 5 to 11 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

‘**Whereas**, interstate transfer of shellfish may occur only by formal agreement between states and in compliance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program; and

Whereas, shellfish depuration may currently be performed at a facility that is not listed on the Interstate Certified Shellfish Shippers List; and’

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of §6104 (page 1, lines 20 to 25 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

§ 6104. Shellfish depuration; memorandum of agreement

If the commissioner enters into a memorandum of agreement regarding interstate transport of shellfish for depuration pursuant to the National Shellfish Sanitation Program, the agreement must provide that depuration of shellfish may occur only in a facility listed for depuration on the Interstate Certified Shellfish Shippers List.’

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies references in the bill to the National Shellfish Sanitation Program and facilities where depuration of shellfish may occur. The amendment also removes the requirement that a memorandum of agreement regarding interstate transport of shellfish for depuration be reciprocal among the states involved.