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An Act to Change the Waiting List System for Commercial Lobster and Crab Fishing Licenses

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Presented by Representative BAGSHAW of Windham.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, GERE of

Kennebunkport, GIFFORD of Lincoln, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, THORNE of Carmel.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6448, sub-§6, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c. 428, §6, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:
4 5 6 7	The commissioner shall create a waiting list for a zone at the time the commissioner closes the zone pursuant to subsection 2, paragraph D. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the exit ratio for any waiting list established by the commissioner pursuant to this subsection is one to one.
8	SUMMARY
9 10	This bill establishes that, notwithstanding any provision of law or rule to the contrary, the exit ratio for lobster and crab fishing licenses within limited-entry zones is one to one.