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**An Act To Amend Maine's Marine Resources Laws Regarding
Certain License Fees and Surcharges That Were Amended by
Recently Enacted Legislation**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on November 27, 2017. Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§7-B, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt.
3 EEEEE, §3, is amended to read:

4 A. For a resident Class I license for applicants under 18 years of age, ~~\$65~~ \$60;

5 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§7-C, ¶¶B to E**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284,
6 Pt. EEEEE, §3, are amended to read:

7 B. For a resident Class I license for applicants 18 years of age or older and under 70
8 years of age, resident Class II license for applicants 70 years of age or older or
9 resident apprentice license for applicants ~~70~~ 18 years of age or older, \$10;

10 C. For a resident Class II license for applicants under 70 years of age or resident
11 Class III license for applicants 70 years of age or older, \$20;

12 D. For a resident Class III license for applicants under 70 years of age, nonresident
13 Class I license for applicants under 18 years of age or a nonresident apprentice
14 license for applicants under 18 years of age, \$30;

15 E. For a nonresident Class I license for applicants 18 years of age or older or
16 nonresident apprentice license for applicants 18 years of age or older, \$60;

17 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6749-Q, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 615, §19, is
18 repealed.

19 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6749-Q, last ¶**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 615, §20, is
20 further amended to read:

21 The commissioner shall deposit all surcharges assessed in this section in the Sea
22 Urchin Research Fund established in section 6749-R, ~~except that fees collected under~~
23 ~~subsection 3 must be evenly split between the Sea Urchin Research Fund and the Scallop~~
24 ~~Research Fund established in section 6729-A.~~

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill reduces the Class I lobster and crab fishing license fee for applicants under
27 18 years of age from \$65 to \$60; clarifies lobster license surcharge fees to avoid conflicts;
28 fixes an error regarding resident apprentice licenses for applicants 18 years of age or
29 older; and repeals conflicting language regarding sea urchin and scallop diving tender
30 license surcharges to reflect current practice.