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An Act To Create a Carrier License for Pelagic and Anadromous Fish

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6502-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§6502-B. Carrier license**

4 **1. License required.** A person may not engage in the activities authorized under
5 this section without a current carrier license.

6 **2. Licensed activity.** The holder of a carrier license may possess or transport on the
7 vessel listed on the carrier license pelagic or anadromous fish that the holder has not
8 taken.

9 **3. Eligibility.** A carrier license may be issued only to an individual.

10 **4. Fees.** The fee for a carrier license is \$98. The commissioner shall deposit the fee
11 in the Pelagic and Anadromous Fisheries Fund established under section 6041.

12 **5. Rules.** The commissioner may adopt rules regarding the operations of vessels
13 possessing or transporting fish pursuant to a carrier license. Rules adopted pursuant to
14 this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter
15 2-A.

16 **6. Violation.** A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which
17 a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill creates a new license to allow individuals to possess or transport pelagic or
20 anadromous fish that they did not take.