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House of Representatives, December 24, 2019

**An Act To Provide Noncommercial Lobster and Crab Fishing
Licenses and Scallop Licenses to Disabled Veterans at No Cost**

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

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 20, 2019. 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 HEPLER of Woolwich.
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and
Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BLUME of York, HUTCHINS of Penobscot,
INGWERSEN of Arundel, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, McDONALD of Stonington, STOVER
of Boothbay, Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§5-F** is enacted to read:

3 **5-F. Disabled veteran.** Notwithstanding subsections 5, 5-B, 5-D, 5-E, 7-B and 7-C,
4 a resident disabled veteran may obtain upon application, at no cost, a noncommercial
5 lobster and crab fishing license. The commissioner shall issue a license requested under
6 this subsection if the commissioner determines the applicant meets the requirements of
7 this subsection. For the purposes of this subsection, "disabled veteran" means a person
8 who:

9 A. Was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States or the
10 National Guard; and

11 B. Has a service-connected disability evaluated at 50% or more.

12 Each application must be accompanied by satisfactory evidence that the applicant meets
13 the requirements of this subsection.

14 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6703, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

15 **4-A. Disabled veteran.** Notwithstanding subsection 4, a resident disabled veteran
16 may obtain upon application, at no cost, a noncommercial scallop license. The
17 commissioner shall issue a license under this subsection if the commissioner determines
18 the applicant meets the requirements of this subsection. For the purposes of this
19 subsection, "disabled veteran" means a person who:

20 A. Was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States or the
21 National Guard; and

22 B. Has a service-connected disability evaluated at 50% or more.

23 Each application must be accompanied by satisfactory evidence that the applicant meets
24 the requirements of this subsection.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill allows a resident disabled veteran to obtain upon application, at no cost, a
27 noncommercial lobster and crab fishing license or a noncommercial scallop license.