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MARINE RESOURCES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 238, L.D. 314, Bill, “An Act To Simplify Apprenticeship Requirements for Student and Apprentice Lobster and Crab Fishing License Holders”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Simplify Apprenticeship Requirements for Student Lobster and Crab Fishing License Holders'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6422, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Validation of experience. The commissioner shall allow a person who has not attained 18 years of age and who has a student lobster and crab fishing license to demonstrate program completion through documentation that the license holder has confirmable, dealer-reported landings of at least 4,000 pounds of lobster over a period of 100 days at sea to be completed over 2 separate seasons. Nothing in this subsection prohibits the commissioner from establishing additional methods by which a person with a student lobster and crab fishing license may demonstrate program completion.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6422, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 468, §4, is amended to read:

2. Length of program. The Except as provided in subsection 1-A, the commissioner shall determine the length of time an apprentice is enrolled in the program, which must be a minimum of 2 years.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF
Bureau of Marine Science 0027**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Initiative: Provides an ongoing appropriation for one Marine Resources Scientist I
2 position and All Other funding for a laptop, a cellular telephone, software and remote
3 access costs.

4	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
5	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
6	Personal Services	\$36,428	\$49,066
7	All Other	\$2,291	\$3,054
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9	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$38,719</u>	<u>\$52,120</u>

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11 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
12 section number to read consecutively.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This amendment removes the requirement that the Commissioner of Marine
15 Resources allow a person with an apprentice lobster and crab fishing license to
16 demonstrate apprentice program completion through lobster landings. It clarifies that the
17 allowance for a student lobster and crab fishing license holder applies only to a license
18 holder who is less than 18 years of age and that landings must be confirmable, dealer-
19 reported landings. Lastly, it specifies that 4,000 pounds of lobster must be caught over
20 the course of 100 days at sea to be completed over 2 separate seasons, and not over 2
21 years, as in the bill.

22 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

23 **(See attached)**