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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 496, L.D. 705, Bill, “An Act To Prevent Marine Debris”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6006** is enacted to read:

**§6006. Bait packaging**

A person engaged in commercial or recreational fishing in the coastal waters of the State may not have in that person's possession on a vessel any plastic wrapping, cardboard cartons or plastic strapping used to package bait for sale. A person may not discard or abandon into any coastal waters any materials used to package bait for sale. A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of \$250 must be adjudged.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, prohibits a person engaged in commercial or recreational fishing in the coastal waters of the State from possessing on a vessel any plastic wrapping, cardboard cartons or plastic strapping used to package bait for sale. The amendment prohibits a person from discarding into any coastal waters any materials used to package bait. The amendment provides that a person who possesses plastic wrapping, cardboard cartons or plastic strapping or who discards bait packaging into any coastal waters commits a civil violation with a fine of \$250. The bill contains similar provisions but applies only to lobster or crab bait packaging.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**