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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1126, L.D. 1551, Bill, “An Act To Clarify Fishing Laws between the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources as They Relate to Striped Bass in Inland Waters”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §12602, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Violation of certain Department of Marine Resources rules; striped bass.**  
Fish for striped bass in inland waters or possess striped bass taken from inland waters in a number, amount or size that exceeds the number, amount or size limits for striped bass established by rules adopted by the Commissioner of Marine Resources under section 6171. Notwithstanding section 6002 or any provision of law to the contrary, for purposes of this subsection only, the number, amount and size limits for striped bass established by rules adopted by the Commissioner of Marine Resources under section 6171 apply to the inland waters of the State.

**Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §12602**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 150, §5, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

A person who fishes for striped bass in or possesses striped bass taken from the coastal waters of the State in violation of rules adopted by the Commissioner of Marine Resources under section 6171 is subject to the provisions of section 6174.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment clarifies the language of the bill but preserves the bill's intent, which is to provide that fishing for or possession of striped bass taken from the inland waters of the State in violation of striped bass rules adopted by the Commissioner of Marine Resources is prohibited and is subject to the applicable penalties for violating the fishing rules of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**