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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 80, L.D. 144, “An Act to Create a Limited Retail Seafood Harvester Certificate”

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the limited retail seafood harvester certificate, established in this legislation and attached to an already existing retail seafood license, would make it easier for shellfish harvesters, especially oyster growers, to sell their harvest directly to consumers without having the additional expense related to the operation of a fixed facility or selling their product through registered dealers; and

Whereas, it is important that this certificate be made available to seafood harvesters as soon as possible, so they may sell their harvest from a vehicle during the upcoming spring and summer seasons, including at farmers' markets; and

Whereas, the Department of Marine Resources has indicated that the department has the resources necessary to implement this certificate immediately; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §6852 in subsection 4 in the 4th line (page 2, line 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$100" and inserting the following: '\$50'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

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

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SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill and changes the fee for a limited retail seafood harvester certificate from \$100, as proposed in the bill, to \$50.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)