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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 615, L.D. 1552, “An Act to Create the Lobster Innovation Fund”

Amend the bill in section 3 in §6466 in the first indented paragraph in the 2nd line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "department." the following: 'The fund consists of money received as appropriations and contributions from public and private sources.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 4. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before July 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Marine Resources, Lobster Innovation Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide stipends to holders of Class I, Class II or Class III lobster fishing licenses to participate in the testing of new lobster fishing technologies.

Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF
Lobster Innovation Fund N439**

Initiative: Provides funding to provide stipends to holders of Class I, Class II or Class III lobster fishing licenses to participate in the testing of new lobster fishing technologies.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$500</u>

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment allows the Lobster Innovation Fund to accept money from public and private sources. The amendment also directs the State Controller to transfer \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Marine Resources, Lobster Innovation Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide stipends to holders of Class I, Class II or Class III lobster fishing licenses to participate in the testing of new lobster fishing technologies.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)