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

'Resolve, To Direct the Department of Marine Resources To Study the Implementation of a Saltwater Recreational Fishing License, Permit or Registry in Lieu of the Federal Registry Program'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1 Development and implementation of a saltwater recreational fishing license, permit or registry. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Marine Resources shall develop and determine how to implement a saltwater recreational fishing license, permit or registry for the coastal waters of the State that will exempt saltwater recreational anglers and charter boat fishing vessels from registering under the federal registration program established in the reauthorized federal Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act. The commissioner's considerations must include, but are not limited to, the following: what the United States Secretary of Commerce may require for information from a state program to exempt that state's saltwater recreational anglers and charter boat fishing vessels from registering under the federal program; how to implement the license, permit or registry, including, but not limited to, online access and fee payment; the fee structure, if any, for the license, permit or registry; uses for any revenues raised from fees for a license, permit or registry developed under this section; the feasibility and appropriateness of using 10% of such revenues to fund stock enhancement of marine resources; and placing a \$1 surcharge on any license, permit or registry proposed under this section for the creation of a recreational fishing council modeled after the Maine Lobster Promotion Council; and be it further

Sec. 2 Report. Resolved: That no later than January 15, 2009 the Commissioner of Marine Resources shall report the commissioner's findings and recommendations under section 1, including any implementing legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters. The joint standing committee may submit legislation related to that report to the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report and replaces the bill with a resolve. The amendment requires the Commissioner of Marine Resources to develop and determine how to implement a saltwater recreational fishing license, permit or registry for the coastal waters of the State that will exempt saltwater recreational anglers and charter boat fishing vessels from the federal registration program established in the reauthorized federal Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act. It requires the commissioner to report the commissioner's findings, recommendations and any implementing legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters by no later than January 15, 2009. The joint standing committee may submit legislation related to that report to the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.