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An Act To Ensure Apportionment of Scallop Licenses

Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative TILTON of Harrington.
Cosponsored by President RAYE of Washington and
Representative: BURNS of Whiting, Senator: TRAHAN of Lincoln.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6706, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 607, Pt. A, §4, is
3 amended to read:

4 **3. Scallop license limited entry system.** Notwithstanding subsection 2, the
5 commissioner shall establish by rule a limited entry system under which a person who did
6 not hold a hand fishing scallop license or a scallop dragging license in the previous
7 calendar year may become eligible to obtain that license. The rules for a limited entry
8 system must include provisions for the method and administration of the program,
9 including a process to ensure that hand fishing scallop licenses and scallop dragging
10 licenses are available in regions where these licenses were previously issued. Rules
11 adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
12 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill requires the Commissioner of Marine Resources to adopt rules for the
15 limited entry scallop system that contain a process to ensure that hand fishing scallop
16 licenses and scallop dragging licenses are available in regions where those licenses were
17 previously issued.