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House of Representatives, February 7, 2019

An Act To Provide Equity in the Lobster Promotion License Surcharge

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, McDONALD of Stonington, TUELL of
East Machias.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6455, sub-§5-A, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 368, §3, is
3 further amended to read:

4 D. For the ~~years 2016 to 2021~~ year 2019 and thereafter, the surcharges are, for:

5 (1) Class I lobster and crab fishing licenses ~~for persons 18 to 69 years of age,~~
6 ~~\$165.25,~~ \$310;

7 (2) Class II lobster and crab fishing licenses, ~~\$330.50, except that for license~~
8 ~~holders 70 years of age or older the surcharge is \$165~~ \$310;

9 (3) Class III lobster and crab fishing licenses, ~~\$480.75, except that for license~~
10 ~~holders 70 years of age or older the surcharge is \$240~~ \$310;

11 (4) Nonresident lobster and crab landing permits, \$480.75;

12 (5) Wholesale seafood licenses with lobster permits if the license holders hold no
13 supplemental wholesale seafood licenses with lobster permits, or lobster
14 transportation licenses if the license holders hold no supplemental lobster
15 transportation licenses, \$1,200;

16 (6) Supplemental wholesale seafood licenses with lobster permits or
17 supplemental lobster transportation licenses as follows:

18 (a) One thousand eight hundred dollars for up to 2 supplemental wholesale
19 seafood licenses with lobster permits or supplemental lobster transportation
20 licenses;

21 (b) Two thousand four hundred dollars for 3 to 5 supplemental wholesale
22 seafood licenses with lobster permits or supplemental lobster transportation
23 licenses; and

24 (c) Three thousand dollars for 6 or more supplemental wholesale seafood
25 licenses with lobster permits or supplemental lobster transportation licenses;
26 and

27 (7) Lobster processor licenses, \$1,000 if less than 1,000,000 pounds of raw
28 product is processed, and \$4,000 if 1,000,000 pounds or more of raw product is
29 processed.

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This bill amends the provisions regarding surcharges on lobster and crab fishing
32 licenses that fund the Lobster Promotion Fund by replacing the current 3-tiered structure
33 for promotion surcharges on the 3 classes of lobster and crab fishing licenses with a
34 single promotion surcharge of \$310 for all 3 classes of licenses.