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128TH LEGISLATURE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 15, L.D. 14, Bill, “An Act To Extend the Legal Hours for Harvesting Lobster”

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 current legal times for hauling lobster traps are determined based upon sunrise and sunset; and

**Whereas,** in the fall the later sunrise prevents lobster license holders from fishing most efficiently and during the calmer morning hours; and

**Whereas,** it is necessary that this Act take effect before October 2017 in order to take advantage of the fall harvest and in order to allow lobster license holders to fish efficiently and safely; 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 subsection 1 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "5 a.m." and inserting the following: '4 a.m.'

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.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment extends the legal hours to harvest lobsters by allowing hauling lobster traps beginning at 4 a.m. during the period from October 1st to October 31st. This

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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1 amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause and incorporates a fiscal  
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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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**(See attached)**