

128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2018

Legislative Document

No. 1652

S.P. 609

In Senate, November 29, 2017

An Act To Authorize the Commissioner of Marine Resources To Limit the Number of Shrimp Licenses That May Be Used in Certain Seasons

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 203. Received by the Secretary of the Senate on November 27, 2017. Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

Heath & Print

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6804, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2003, c. 248, §10, is further
amended to read:

Licensed activities. The Except as limited pursuant to subsection 2-A, the holder
of a commercial northern shrimp license may fish for or take shrimp or possess, ship,
transport or sell northern shrimp that the license holder has taken. A license issued under
subsection 7, paragraph B or C also authorizes unlicensed crew members aboard the
vessel declared by the license holder to engage in these activities.

9 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6804, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

10 2-A. Licenses limited. The commissioner may establish by rule a system to limit 11 the number of commercial licenses that may be used to fish for or take northern shrimp or 12 possess, ship, transport or sell northern shrimp during a calendar year but only for a 13 calendar year in which the total allowable catch established for Maine by the Atlantic 14 States Marine Fisheries Commission is less than 2,000 metric tons. Rules adopted 15 pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, 16 subchapter 2-A.

SUMMARY

17

18 This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Marine Resources to adopt rules to establish 19 a system by which the use of commercial northern shrimp licenses may be limited in a 20 season when the total allowable catch is less than 2,000 metric tons.