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**An Act To Simplify Apprenticeship Requirements for Student and  
Apprentice Lobster and Crab Fishing License Holders**

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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 Senator DOW of Lincoln and  
Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BABINE of Scarborough, BLUME of York, HUTCHINS  
of Penobscot, JAVNER of Chester, McDONALD of Stonington, TUELL of East Machias,  
Senator: MIRAMANT of Knox.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6422, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

3 **1-A. Validation of experience.** The commissioner shall allow a person with an  
4 apprentice lobster and crab fishing license or a student lobster and crab fishing license to  
5 demonstrate program completion through documentation that the license holder has  
6 verified landings of at least 4,000 pounds of lobster over a period of not less than 2 years.  
7 Nothing in this subsection prohibits the commissioner from establishing additional  
8 methods for a person with an apprentice lobster and crab fishing license or a student  
9 lobster and crab fishing license to demonstrate program completion.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill requires the Commissioner of Marine Resources to allow a person with an  
12 apprentice lobster and crab fishing license or a student lobster and crab fishing license to  
13 demonstrate apprentice program completion through verified landings of at least 4,000  
14 pounds of lobster over a period of not less than 2 years.