



# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1059

LR 1681(03)

## An Act To Authorize the Establishment of an Apprentice License for the Maine Scallop Fishery

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-114)

Committee: Marine Resources

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>Revenue</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill allows the Department of Marine Resources to adopt rules establishing an apprentice program for entry into the scallop fishery and to create an apprentice scallop dragging license. The department has indicated that after rulemaking is complete in fiscal year 2020-21 approximately 50 applicants would apply for the \$250 apprentice scallop dragging license, generating \$12,500 in Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the Scallop Research Fund (SRF). Each apprentice license also requires an existing scallop dragger license holder to pay a \$250 surcharge, generating another \$12,500 to the SRF. This bill also includes an ongoing Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$25,000 starting in fiscal year 2020-21 to allow for the expenditure of the funds in the SRF for administration of the apprenticeship program, research and development programs that address the restoration, development or conservation of scallop resources.