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Amend the bill in section 6 in subsection 7 in the 5th line (page 2, line 20 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "of not" the following: 'less than \$1,000 or'

Amend the bill in section 7 in subsection 2 in the first line (page 2, line 24 in L.D.) by inserting after the headnote the following: 'This subsection applies to a person that holds a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license issued under section 6421.'

Amend the bill in section 9 in subsection 5 in the 6th line (page 3, line 29 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "of not" the following: 'less than \$1,000 or'

Amend the bill in section 10 in subsection 5 in the 6th line (page 3, line 38 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "of not" the following: 'less than \$2,500 or'

Amend the bill in section 11 in subsection 6 in the 6th line (page 4, line 6 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "of not" the following: 'less than \$1,000 or'

Amend the bill in section 12 in subsection 2 in the 3rd line (page 4, line 12 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "of not" the following: 'less than \$1,000 or'

Amend the bill in section 14 in subsection 4 in the 5th line (page 4, line 30 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "of not" the following: 'less than \$1,000 or'

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**‘Sec. 16. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

### Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funds for indigent defense costs as a result of an anticipated increase in the request for court-appointed counsel resulting from stricter penalties for lobster violations.

GENERAL FUND	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$2,800	\$4,200
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,800	\$4,200

## SUMMARY

This amendment adds a minimum fine of \$1,000 to the maximum fine of \$5,000 for certain violations of lobster laws in which the number of illegal lobsters cannot be determined. It adds a minimum fine of

\$2,500 to the maximum fine of \$10,000 for possession of egg-bearing or v-notched lobsters in which the number of illegal lobsters cannot be determined. This amendment clarifies that the owner or operator provisions of the bill only apply to a person that holds a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license.

The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**