

Sen. Avard, Dist 12
Sen. Watters, Dist 4
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Floor Amendment to HB 655-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to fish and game violations, permits, and licenses.

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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 4 with the following:

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7 5 Nonresident Commercial Salt Water License. Amend RSA 211:49-a, I to read as follows:

8 I. Any person who does not qualify as a resident under RSA 207:1, who takes, possesses,
9 lands, or transports by any method, from or on the waters of this state, regardless of where the catch
10 was taken, any marine species by any method for the purpose of selling the same, shall first procure
11 a valid license from the executive director to do so. This license shall not include the taking,
12 possession, landing, or transport of northern shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*) which requires a license
13 under RSA 211:49-e, or the taking of lobsters and crabs, which requires a license under RSA 211:18.
14 A nonresident shall not take sea urchins, clam worms, river herring, *Atlantic menhaden*, or
15 scallops unless the state in which such person is a resident provides a reciprocal licensing privilege
16 for residents of this state.

17 6 Effective Date.

18 I. Sections 1, 3, and 5 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

19 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Increases the restitution for the illegal taking or possession of certain animals, and make such restitution mandatory.

II. Allows for an increased hunting license suspension for a third violation of a fish and game law or regulation.

III. Establishes a class A misdemeanor penalty for a third-offense violation of fish and game offenses that carry a license suspension penalty.

IV. Removes the requirement that a crossbow permit issued for certain persons with a disability be perpetual.

V. Adds Atlantic menhaden to the list of species that nonresidents may not take unless the state in which such person is a resident provides a reciprocal licensing privilege for residents of this state.