

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To terminate the independent third-party program for sectors of the Northeast Multispecies Fishery unless the program is fully funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. AYOTTE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Local Fish-
5 ing Jobs and Communities Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY**
2 **MONITORING.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in subsection
4 (b), the Secretary of Commerce shall not require sectors
5 of the Northeast Multispecies Fishery to comply with the
6 independent third-party monitoring program required by
7 section 648.87 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations
8 (or similar successor regulation).

9 (b) **EXCEPTION.**—The Secretary of Commerce may
10 require sectors of the Northeast Multispecies Fishery to
11 comply with the independent third-party monitoring pro-
12 gram required by section 648.87 of title 50, Code of Fed-
13 eral Regulations, (or similar successor regulation) if the
14 Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
15 Administration fully funds the program with funds appro-
16 priated for the Administration.