

STATE OF MAINE

—
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

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S.P. 803 - L.D. 1991

An Act to Authorize an Educational Requirement for Seaweed Permit Holders

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6803, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Educational course. The commissioner, as the commissioner determines appropriate, may require an individual to complete an educational course prior to the issuance or renewal of a seaweed permit under this section. An educational course required under this subsection may be provided by the department or by any public or private sector association or organization authorized by the commissioner. If an educational course requirement under this subsection applies only to certain species of seaweed, the commissioner may require an endorsement on the seaweed permit for those species, which must be made available at no charge.

Sec. 2. Report. The Department of Marine Resources shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters no later than February 1, 2028 with findings and recommendations related to the implementation of the educational course developed pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6803, subsection 6. The committee may report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.