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## **An Act To Authorize Maine Media College To Confer the Degree of Master of Fine Arts**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** authorization by the Legislature is required for any institution of higher education to confer academic, educational, literary or professional degrees, upon the recommendation of the State Board of Education; and

**Whereas,** Private and Special Law 2009, chapter 9 granted approval of degree-granting authority until June 30, 2010 to Maine Media College; and

**Whereas,** this legislation confers degree-granting authority beyond June 30, 2010; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. Degree.** Maine Media College may confer the degree of Master of Fine Arts upon all students who successfully complete the course of study prescribed by the school.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect June 30, 2010.

### **SUMMARY**

Private and Special Law 2009, chapter 9 granted approval of degree-granting authority until June 30, 2010 to Maine Media College. This bill authorizes Maine Media College to grant the degree of Master of Fine Arts beyond June 30, 2010.