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House of Representatives, March 5, 2021

**An Act To Allow the Participation of Marine Patrol Officers in
Proceedings for Administrative Suspension of a License or
Certificate**

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative McDONALD of Stonington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶T**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 597, §2, is further
3 amended to read:

4 T. A marine patrol officer who is not an attorney but is representing the Department
5 of Marine Resources in a libel proceeding before a District Court under Title 12, section
6 6207; ~~or~~

7 **Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶U**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 597, §3, is amended
8 to read:

9 U. Practice, pursuant to a rule of the Supreme Judicial Court, by a law student enrolled
10 in a law school accredited by the American Bar Association; or

11 **Sec. 3. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶V** is enacted to read:

12 V. A marine patrol officer who is not an attorney but is representing the Department
13 of Marine Resources in a hearing under Title 12, section 6374, subsection 2 for
14 administrative suspension of a license or certificate.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill amends the law prohibiting the unauthorized practice of law to allow a marine
17 patrol officer who is not an attorney to represent the Department of Marine Resources in a
18 hearing under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6374, subsection 2 for
19 administrative suspension of a license or certificate.