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House of Representatives, January 23, 2020

**An Act To Authorize the Maine Pilotage Commission To Establish  
Alternative Initial License Criteria for Existing Pilots Seeking  
Endorsements for Low Traffic Volume Routes**

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Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 203.  
Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative McLEAN of Gorham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §91, last ¶**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 355, §14, is amended to  
3 read:

4 An applicant must complete a training trip in the area for which that person is making  
5 application under the direction of a licensed pilot actively piloting in that area. These  
6 training trips must be on vessels of at least 1600 gross tons except that the commission  
7 may establish alternative initial license criteria for existing pilots under the jurisdiction of  
8 the commission who are seeking route endorsements in areas of low traffic volume as  
9 defined by the commission. The commission shall establish standards for proof of such  
10 training and the minimum number of trips required. Once those standards are  
11 established, they may be amended only upon a 2/3 vote of the commission. The  
12 commission shall adopt rules implementing any alternative initial license criteria for  
13 existing pilots seeking route endorsements in areas of low traffic volume that are  
14 established by the commission. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine  
15 technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill allows the Maine Pilotage Commission to establish alternative initial license  
18 criteria for existing pilots who are seeking low-volume route endorsements and requires  
19 the commission to adopt routine technical rules to implement any criteria that are  
20 established.