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An Act to Make Technical Changes to the State's Marine Resources Laws

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on Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6078-A**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 301, §6, is repealed.

3 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6305, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 468, §9, is further
4 amended to read:

5 **1. Exhibit on demand.** When any person is engaged in an activity that is licensed
6 under marine resources' laws, that person shall have that license in that person's actual
7 possession ~~and shall, on~~. At the request of a marine patrol officer or other authorized
8 person, the person shall exhibit that person's license.

9 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6305, sub-§1-A**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 468, §9, is further
10 amended to read:

11 **1-A. Photo identification.** When a person is engaged in an activity for which a license
12 is required under section 6302-A, subsection 3, paragraph E, E-1, F or G or section 6505-A,
13 that person shall have a government-issued identification card with that person's
14 photograph and date of birth in that person's actual possession ~~and shall, on~~. At the request
15 of a marine patrol officer or other authorized person, the person shall present the
16 government-issued identification card with that person's photograph and date of birth.

17 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6305, sub-§1-B**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 468, §9, is amended
18 to read:

19 **1-B. Elver transaction card.** When a person is engaged in an activity for which a
20 license is required under section 6302-A, subsection 3, paragraph E, E-1, F or G or section
21 6505-A, that person shall have the elver transaction card issued by the department under
22 section 6505-A to that person in that person's actual possession ~~and shall, on~~. At the request
23 of a marine patrol officer or other authorized person, the person shall present the elver
24 transaction card.

25 **Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §6803, sub-§2, ¶E**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 421, Pt. B, §50
26 and affected by Pt. C, §1, is further amended to read:

27 E. Anyone harvesting, possessing, shipping, or transporting ~~or selling~~ seaweed that
28 has detached naturally and is dead.

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill makes technical changes to the State's marine resources laws. It eliminates
31 the Aquaculture Monitoring, Research and Development Fund, which is no longer
32 capitalized. It clarifies language regarding the requirement for a license holder to have the
33 license holder's license, elver transaction card and photo identification in the license
34 holder's possession when engaging in licensed activities. It also removes an existing
35 exception to holding a seaweed permit when selling seaweed that has detached naturally
36 and is dead.