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An Act to Authorize an Educational Requirement for Seaweed Permit Holders

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 3, 2025. Referred to the Committee 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 TEPLER of Sagadahoc.

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

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

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

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Marine Resources to require an educational
13 course for the issuance or renewal of a seaweed permit. If the educational course
14 requirement applies only to certain species of seaweed, the commissioner may require an
15 endorsement on the seaweed permit for those species, which must be made available at no
16 charge.