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### **An Act to Authorize an Educational Requirement for Seaweed Permit Holders**

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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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TEPLER of Sagadahoc.

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

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

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

## SUMMARY

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