

LD 152 An Act To Address Training Requirements for Harbor Masters (McCreight)

To: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

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SUMMARY

This bill, submitted at the request of the Maine Harbor Masters Association, requires basic training for new and reappointed harbor masters who have not held the position during the preceding 5 years of appointment or reappointment. It adds requirements for advanced training and continuing education. It specifically permits municipalities to pay for basic training.

TESTIMONY**Sponsor:** Rep. McCreight**Proponents:** Daryen Granata, VP Harbor Masters Association; Shawn Hebert, Harbor Master, Marine Safety Division, Naples;**Opponents:** MMA, Rebecca Graham**NFNA:** Kevin Brain Brodie**POTENTIAL ISSUES / TECHNICAL PROBLEMS*****Existing language not repeated***

The following language is currently in sub-§1 but was not added to new sub-§1-A or sub-§ 1-B. The inclusion in only one subsection may create confusion. There is also a question whether the language is needed

“person appointed or reappointed a harbor master or deputy harbormaster shall pay the cost of the training required under this subsection”

New language not repeated

The following language proposed to be added to sub-§1, is not included in new sub-§1-A or sub-§1-B. The inclusion in only one subsection may create confusion.

“expect that the cost of the training may be paid by the municipality at its sole discretion”

FISCAL IMPACT - Preliminary (OFPR)

None provided as of this date.