**An Act To Address Training Requirements for Harbor Masters**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “      ” to H.P. 108, L.D. 152, “An Act To Address Training Requirements for Harbor Masters”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1-A,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 54, §1, is further amended to read:

**§1-A. Training**

The following provisions govern the training of harbor masters and deputy harbor masters appointed pursuant to section 1 or 2.

**1. Basic training course.**  A person appointed or reappointed a harbor master or a deputy harbor master after August 31, 2006 must complete a basic harbor master training course offered by a statewide harbor masters association that represents Maine harbor masters within one year after being appointed or reappointed unless that person has previously completed such a course. ~~The person appointed or reappointed a harbor master or deputy harbor master shall pay the cost of the training required under this subsection~~ If a person has not held the position of harbor master or deputy harbor master within the last 5 years prior to being appointed or reappointed, that person upon appointment or reappointment must complete the basic harbor master training course.

**1-A. Continuing education.**  A person appointed or reappointed a harbor master or deputy harbor master who has completed the basic training course under subsection 1 shall complete, at a minimum, 8 hours of training every 3 years to maintain certification as a harbor master or deputy harbor master. The training requirement of this subsection may be met by completing continuing education training offered or approved by a statewide harbor masters association that represents Maine harbor masters.

**2. ~~Reimbursement~~ Payment; reimbursement.**  Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit a municipality, at its sole discretion, from paying for or reimbursing a harbor master or deputy harbor master for the cost of training under this section.

**3. Additional training.**  Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit a municipality from requiring a harbor master or deputy harbor master to obtain training beyond that required by this section.

**4. Training format.**  During any 3-year period, the training courses offered by the statewide harbor masters association must include, at a minimum, in-person, remote and online options.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment removes the advanced training requirement that is in the bill. It requires harbor masters and deputy harbor masters to complete 8 hours of continuing education every 3 years. It permits, but does not require, municipalities to pay for required training. It requires a statewide harbor masters association to offer both in-person and remote training options. It also removes unnecessary language.