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S.P. 549

In Senate, March 27, 2025

**An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Suspension of Licenses
Issued by the Department of Marine Resources for Failure to
Comply with Reporting Requirements**

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested 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 RENY of Lincoln.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6412, sub-§1-B is enacted to read:

1-B. Process for suspension for failing to comply with daily reporting by harvesters of marine organisms. If the commissioner determines that an individual licensed to fish for marine organisms under this Part has failed to comply with a daily reporting requirement established in rule adopted by the department, the commissioner may notify the individual by e-mail. If the license holder has not complied with the reporting requirements within 24 hours of the requirement to submit the report, the commissioner may serve a notice of suspension in hand to the license holder or mail the notice to the license holder. If the notice is mailed to the license holder, the notice is deemed received 3 days after the mailing. The notice must:

A. Describe the information that the license holder is required to provide that the department has not received; and

B. State that, unless all the information described in paragraph A is provided to the department or the license holder requests a hearing, the license is suspended upon receipt of the notice, or 3 days from the date of the notice, whichever is earlier.

Notwithstanding subsection 4, if the license holder has not complied with the reporting requirements or requested a hearing within one calendar day after receipt of the notice, the commissioner shall suspend the license.

SUMMARY

This bill creates a new license suspension process for marine organism harvesting licenses when the license holder fails to comply with daily reporting requirements.