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**CHAPTER 246
S.P. 549 - L.D. 1319**

**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**

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 that have daily reporting requirements. If the commissioner determines that an individual licensed or certified to fish for marine organisms under this Part has failed to comply with a daily reporting requirement established in rule adopted by the department pursuant to section 6173, the commissioner may notify the individual by e-mail at the e-mail address provided on the application for the license or certificate. If the individual has not complied with the reporting requirements within 2 days of the requirement to submit the report, the commissioner may mail a notice to the individual. The notice is deemed received 3 days after the mailing. The notice must:

A. Describe the information that the individual 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 individual requests a hearing, the license or certificate will be suspended 3 business days after the individual's receipt of the notice.

Notwithstanding subsection 4, if the individual has not complied with the reporting requirements or requested a hearing within 3 business days after receipt of the notice, the commissioner shall suspend the license or certificate.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 247
H.P. 961 - L.D. 1469**

**An Act to Clarify the Quality
Rating System for Child Care
Services in Maine**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3737, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2021, c. 138, §1, is further amended to read:

3. Quality differential. To the extent permitted by federal law, the department shall pay a differential rate for child care services that meet or that make substantial progress toward meeting nationally recognized quality standards, such as those standards required by the Head Start program or required for accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and shall do so from the Child Care Development Fund 25% Quality Set-aside funds or by other acceptable federal practices. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. The rules must establish a child care quality rating system with a minimum of 3 steps and must provide for graduated quality differential rates for steps that demonstrate that a child care provider meets or makes substantial progress toward meeting nationally recognized quality standards. The rules must provide that child care providers accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the American Montessori Society, the National Association for Family Child Care or the Council on Accreditation, or any of their successor organizations, or a Head Start program that meets national Head Start standards, receive the highest rating under the child care quality rating system.

~~Nothing in this subsection requires~~ This subsection does not require the department to pay a quality differential rate for child care services provided through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 248
H.P. 970 - L.D. 1478**

**An Act to Amend the Laws
Governing Baitfish
Wholesaler's Licenses**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12551-A, sub-§6, ¶B, as amended by PL 2023, c. 431, §§18 and 19 and affected by §23, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (3) and enacting the following in its place:

(3) Attempt to take from the inland waters live baitfish for resale using drop nets through the ice unless the license holder marks all holes made in the ice by that license holder for that purpose. The holes must be marked either by evergreen boughs placed around the hole or by suspending at least one strand of fluorescent biodegradable tape at least 3 feet above the ice around the entire perimeter of the hole so that the tape is visible from all sides;