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F. A person who has received a notice of levy under this subsection and who transfers or disposes of any property or debt in a manner that violates this section is liable to the director for the amount of the indebtedness of the delinquent person or employer with respect to whose obligation or liability the notice was given to the extent of the value of that property or debt.

5. Workplace posting. A copy or copies of any notice of violation issued under this section or chapter 7 or 15 must be prominently posted in a conspicuous location in the workplace that is accessible to employees. If no such location exists, a copy or copies of the notice of violation must be delivered to each employee in a reasonable manner.

6. Employee notification. If a notice of violation issued under this section or chapter 7 or 15 covers a defined time period, notice of violation must be provided to all employees employed during that time period. Mail, e-mail and text messages constitute reasonable manners in which to notify employees, as long as the mail, e-mail or text message is in the same language in which the employer typically communicates to the employees receiving the notice of violation.

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CHAPTER 569

S.P. 803 - L.D. 1991

An Act to Authorize an Educational Requirement for Seaweed Permit Holders

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.

Sec. 2. Report. The Department of Marine Resources shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters no later than February 1, 2028 with findings and recommendations related to the im-

plementation of the educational course developed pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6803, subsection 6. The committee may report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

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CHAPTER 570

H.P. 1354 - L.D. 2024

An Act to Make Changes to Certain Licensing Laws Governing For-hire Charter Boat Operators, Lobster and Crab Fishing and Elver Dealers

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6313, sub-§4, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2025, c. 155, §5 and affected by §6, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6313, sub-§4, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:

A-1. Possesses a valid United States Merchant Mariner Credential issued by the United States Coast Guard indicating an endorsement authorizing the individual to carry passengers for hire; or

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6431-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 201, §12, is further amended to read:

1. Limit. ~~Before March 1, 2000, the holder of a Class I, Class II or Class III license issued under section 6421 may not submerge more than 1,000 traps. After February 29, 2000, the~~ The holder of a Class I, Class II or Class III license or a nonresident lobster and crab landing permit issued under section 6421 may not submerge more than 800 traps. If a lower trap limit is adopted by rule for a zone pursuant to section 6446, a license holder who fishes in that zone may not submerge a number of traps that exceeds the lower limit.

The number of traps fished from a vessel may not exceed the applicable trap limit established in this subsection, regardless of the number of license holders fishing from that vessel.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6431-A, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 421, Pt. B, §22 and affected by Pt. C, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §6864, sub-§1-B, as enacted by PL 2025, c. 370, §3, is repealed.

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