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H.P. 376

House of Representatives, February 14, 1995

An Act Requiring Training Workshops for Eligibility for All New Applicants for Commercial Fishing Licenses.

Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative VOLENIK of Sedgwick.
Cosponsored by Representative: JONES of Bar Harbor.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6310** is enacted to read:

6 **§6310. Commercial applicants; training requirements**

8 **1. New applicants; eligibility requirements.** To be
10 eligible for a commercial fishing license issued under this
12 Title, a new applicant must attend a fishery training workshop
specific to the fishery the applicant wishes to enter and, as
part of the license application, must submit a certificate of
completion of that workshop signed by the commissioner.

14 **2. Workshops established.** The department, in cooperation
16 with representatives of the various fisheries licensed by the
State, shall establish and conduct fishery training workshops
that address the following:

18 A. General marine ecology;

20 B. The biology of the species covered by the license; and

22 C. The legal and ethical practices applicable to that
24 fishery.

26 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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30 This bill requires new applicants for commercial fishing
32 licenses to attend fishery training workshops on marine ecology,
34 species biology and legal and ethical practices as a condition
for receiving a commercial license for that fishery. The
Department of Marine Resources would develop and conduct these
workshops in cooperation with representatives of the fisheries.