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House of Representatives, March 9, 2006

An Act To Establish Harbor Master Training Requirements

Reported by Representative PERCY of Phippsburg for the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Order 2005, H.P. 1190.

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Clerk

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§1-A. Training**

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

6 **1. Basic training course.** A person appointed or reappointed a harbor master or a
7 deputy harbor master after August 31, 2006 must complete a basic harbor master training
8 course offered by a statewide harbor masters association within one year after being
9 appointed or reappointed unless that person has previously completed such a course. The
10 person appointed or reappointed a harbor master or deputy harbor master shall pay the
11 cost of the training required under this subsection.

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

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

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill is reported out as a committee bill pursuant to H.P. 1190 and requires a
20 person appointed or reappointed a harbor master or a deputy harbor master after August
21 31, 2006 by a municipality that borders territorial waters to complete a basic harbor
22 master training course within one year after being appointed or reappointed, unless the
23 person has already completed such a course. It also provides that the training
24 requirement of a harbor master or deputy harbor master be paid for by the person
25 receiving that training but also allows the municipality, at its discretion, to reimburse that
26 person for those costs. This bill also clarifies that a municipality retains the authority to
27 require a harbor master or a deputy harbor master appointed by that town to obtain
28 training in addition to the training required by this bill.