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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 669, L.D. 884, Bill, "An Act To Provide Funding to Postsecondary Marine Training Programs"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13002, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

All taxes collected pursuant to this section must be transmitted forthwith to the Treasurer of State and credited to the General Fund as undedicated revenue, except that beginning with fiscal year 2007-08 as the initial base year, any annual increase in the revenue from the use tax collected on watercraft must be deposited in the Marine Training and Education Program Fund established in Title 20-A, section 12892. The Legislature shall appropriate to the department in each fiscal year an amount equal to the administrative costs incurred by the department in collecting revenue under this section. Those administrative costs must be verified by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA c. 437 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 437

MARINE TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS

§12891. Marine training and education grant program

The Maine Maritime Academy, referred to in this chapter as "the academy," shall establish and administer the Marine Training and Education Grant Program, referred to in this chapter as "the program," to provide funding for grants to eligible marine training and education programs. The academy shall develop eligibility criteria for marine training and education programs seeking grants under this chapter. At a minimum, entities eligible for grants under the program must provide marine training and education to students enrolled in public schools, career and technical education programs, private

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1 secondary schools and public or private postsecondary education programs in the State.
2 Entities eligible for grants under the program may include school-based education
3 programs, career-based training programs and collaborative programs created to provide
4 marine training and education.

5 **§12892. Marine Training and Education Program Fund**

6 There is established within the academy the Marine Training and Education Program
7 Fund, referred to in this chapter as "the fund." The fund receives revenue from the tax
8 imposed on the sale of watercraft collected and deposited in the fund pursuant to Title 12,
9 section 13002 and Title 36, section 1952-A. The fund must be used for the development
10 and implementation of marine training and education programs pursuant to section
11 12891. Funds in the fund do not lapse but must be carried forward.

12 **§12893. Report**

13 Beginning December 15, 2008 and every 2 years thereafter, the academy shall report
14 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education
15 matters regarding the development, implementation and achievement of marine training
16 and education programs that received grants under section 12891 and the use of the fund
17 established under section 12892.

18 **Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §1952-A**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 218, §26, is further
19 amended to read:

20 **§1952-A. Payment of tax on vehicles and recreational vehicles**

21 The tax imposed by this Part on the sale or use of any vehicle, snowmobile, all-terrain
22 vehicle or watercraft must, except where the dealer has collected the tax in full, be paid
23 by the purchaser or other person seeking registration of the vehicle, snowmobile, all-
24 terrain vehicle or watercraft at the time and place of registration. In the case of vehicles,
25 the tax must be collected by the Secretary of State and transmitted to the Treasurer of
26 State as provided by Title 29-A, section 409. In the case of watercraft, snowmobiles and
27 all-terrain vehicles, the tax must be collected by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries
28 and Wildlife and transmitted to the Treasurer of State as provided by Title 12, sections
29 13002 to 13005. Beginning with fiscal year 2007-08 as the initial base year, if the dealer
30 collects the tax due under this Part on the sale of watercraft, any annual increase in the
31 revenue from the tax collected on watercraft must be deposited in the Marine Training
32 and Education Program Fund established in Title 20-A, section 12892.

33 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
34 allocations are made.

35 **MARITIME ACADEMY, MAINE**

36 **Marine Training and Education Program Fund N018**

37 Initiative: Allocates funds for the Marine Training and Education Program Fund based on
38 the incremental increase in the use tax collected on watercraft from the base year to the
39 succeeding fiscal year with 2007-08 as the initial base year.

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1	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2007-08	2008-09
2	All Other	\$0	\$120,000
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4	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$120,000

5 **Maritime Academy - Operations 0035**

6 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for Maine Maritime Academy for the costs associated
7 with establishing and administering the Marine Training and Education Grant Program.

8	GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
9	All Other	\$0	\$75,000
10			
11	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$75,000

12 **MARITIME ACADEMY, MAINE**

13	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2007-08	2008-09
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15	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$75,000
16	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$120,000
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18	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$195,000

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20 **SUMMARY**

21 This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education
22 and Cultural Affairs. The amendment strikes and replaces the bill to require the Maine
23 Maritime Academy to establish and administer a grant program to provide funding for
24 grants to eligible marine training and education programs through the Marine Training
25 and Education Program Fund. The programs are funded by a diversion of revenue from
26 the sales and use tax imposed on watercraft. Beginning with fiscal year 2007-08 as the
27 initial base year, any annual increase in the revenue from the sales and use tax collected
28 on watercraft must be deposited in the Marine Training and Education Program Fund.

29 This amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

30 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

31 (See attached)

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LD 884

LR 293(02)

An Act To Provide Funding to Postsecondary Marine Training Programs

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$188,760	\$302,520	\$425,760
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$120,000	\$240,000	\$370,000
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$113,760)	(\$227,520)	(\$350,760)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$6,240)	(\$12,480)	(\$19,240)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes the Marine Training and Education Grant Program to provide funding for grants to eligible marine training and education programs and requires the Maine Maritime Academy to establish and administer the program. Because this bill does not provide for the Academy to utilize a portion of the dedicated funds in the Marine Training and Education Program Fund to administer the program, this bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$75,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2008-09 to the Maine Maritime Academy for the cost of implementing and administering the program.

This bill also establishes the Marine Training and Education Program Fund as a dedicated, nonlapsing fund within the Maine Maritime Academy and includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$120,000 in fiscal year 2008-09 to fund the grants to eligible entities to provide marine training and education to students enrolled in public schools, career and technical education programs, private secondary schools and public or private postsecondary education programs in the State.

The related General Fund revenue decrease is estimated to be \$113,760 in fiscal year 2008-09. In addition, Maine Revenue Services will require additional General Fund appropriations for the administrative costs associated with this change. The exact amount required can not be determined at this time.