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House of Representatives, December 21, 2007

An Act To Provide Degree-granting Authority to the Landing School of Boatbuilding and Design

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 19, 2007. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CONNOR of Kennebunk.
Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and
Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, CARTER of Bethel, CASAVANT of Biddeford,
MARLEY of Portland, MUSE of Fryeburg, PILON of Saco, Senators: BOWMAN of York,
President EDMONDS of Cumberland.

1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas**, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas**, authorization by the Legislature is required for any institution of higher
4 education to confer academic, educational, literary or professional degrees, upon the
5 recommendation of the State Board of Education; and

6 **Whereas**, the Landing School of Boatbuilding and Design has applied to the State
7 Board of Education and received a recommendation for approval of degree-granting
8 authority; and

9 **Whereas**, it is necessary for the Legislature to grant this authority in order that the
10 Landing School may begin offering degree programs for students beginning in the fall of
11 2008; and

12 **Whereas**, the Landing School cannot apply for national accreditation by the United
13 States Department of Education, Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and
14 Colleges of Technology until authorized by the Legislature; and

15 **Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
16 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
17 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
18 therefore,

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

20 **Sec. 1. Degree.** The Landing School of Boatbuilding and Design, of Arundel, is
21 authorized to confer upon all who successfully complete its prescribed course of study the
22 degree of Associate Degree in Applied Science as is usually conferred by like institutions
23 of higher learning.

24 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
25 legislation takes effect when approved.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill authorizes the Landing School of Boatbuilding and Design to confer the
28 degree of Associate Degree in Applied Science upon students in accordance with the
29 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 10704 based on the recommendation of the
30 State Board of Education. The bill is an emergency because the school needs the
31 authorization to initiate the national accreditation process with the United States
32 Department of Education.