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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2009

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No. 1240

H.P. 859

House of Representatives, March 30, 2009

### Resolve, To License Wetland Scientists

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Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative EBERLE of South Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator TRAHAN of Lincoln and  
Representatives: DUCHESNE of Hudson, FLAHERTY of Scarborough, HAMPER of Oxford,  
WALSH INNES of Yarmouth, KNAPP of Gorham, MORRISON of South Portland, VAN  
WIE of New Gloucester, WELSH of Rockport.

1 **Sec. 1. Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to develop**  
2 **licensing protocol for wetland scientists. Resolved:** That the Department of  
3 Professional and Financial Regulation, in collaboration with the Department of  
4 Environmental Protection and the Maine Association of Wetland Scientists, shall develop  
5 a protocol to license wetland scientists, including creating a board to oversee the licensing  
6 of wetland scientists, criteria for wetland scientist licensing and the duties and obligations  
7 of licensed wetland scientists; and be it further

8 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Professional and Financial  
9 Regulation shall submit a report of the licensing protocol developed under section 1 and  
10 any proposed legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and  
11 Economic Development by December 2, 2009. The Joint Standing Committee on  
12 Business, Research and Economic Development is authorized to submit legislation  
13 related to this report to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature at the time of  
14 submission of the report.

#### 15 SUMMARY

16 This resolve directs the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to  
17 develop a licensing protocol for wetland scientists in collaboration with the Department  
18 of Environmental Protection and the Maine Association of Wetland Scientists and to  
19 report to the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic  
20 Development by December 2, 2009. The joint standing committee is authorized to  
21 introduce legislation related to this report to the Second Regular Session of the 124th  
22 Legislature.