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## MARINE RESOURCES

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### STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 130TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 108, L.D. 152, "An Act To Address Training Requirements for Harbor Masters"

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1-A**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 54, §1, is further amended to read:

#### **§1-A. Training**

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

**1. Basic training course.** A person appointed or reappointed a harbor master or a deputy harbor master after August 31, 2006 must complete a basic harbor master training course offered by a statewide harbor masters association that represents Maine harbor masters within one year after being appointed or reappointed unless that person has previously completed such a course. ~~The person appointed or reappointed a harbor master or deputy harbor master shall pay the cost of the training required under this subsection. If a person has not held the position of harbor master or deputy harbor master within the last 5 years prior to being appointed or reappointed, that person upon appointment or reappointment must complete the basic harbor master training course.~~

**1-A. Continuing education.** A person appointed or reappointed a harbor master or deputy harbor master who has completed the basic training course under subsection 1 shall complete, at a minimum, 8 hours of training every 3 years to maintain certification as a harbor master or deputy harbor master. The training requirement of this subsection may be met by completing continuing education training offered or approved by a statewide harbor masters association that represents Maine harbor masters.

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

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## An Act To Address Training Requirements for Harbor Masters

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *ACH-49*

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Municipalities may choose to reimburse for new training

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Current law requires certain basic training for harbor masters and deputy harbor masters. This bill requires 8 hours of additional training every 3 years for a person appointed or reappointed a harbor master or deputy harbor master. It also requires a former harbor master or deputy harbor master who has not held the position within the last 5 years to complete the basic harbor master training again. With approximately 200 harbor masters in the State, the statewide cost of this bill is estimated between \$10,000 and \$15,000 every three years. The bill is not a state mandate because there is no requirement that municipalities pay for the training. However, it is reasonable to assume that some municipalities will choose to cover or reimburse these costs as part of the benefits package offered to the individuals involved.