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7. Other administrative costs. Other administrative costs, including program promotion and related publicity, mailing and postage and telephone expenses for courses and programs described in subsections 2 to 5, <u>8 and 9</u>, are reimbursed at the rate of 50% of these costs. The cost of interpreters for deaf students and deaf adult learners and the cost of translators for students and adult learners with limited English proficiency are reimbursed at the rate of 75% of these costs but only as a payment of last resort after the otherwise valid obligations of insurers or other 3rd parties to provide or pay for these services have been exhausted.

#### PART D

Sec. D-1. 20-A MRSA §13025 is enacted to read:

#### §13025. Investigations

When conducting an investigation relating to the certification of teachers and other professional personnel under this chapter and rules of the state board, the commissioner may issue subpoenas for education records relevant to that investigation.

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# CHAPTER 168

S.P. 198 - L.D. 508

### An Act To Remove the Disqualification from Obtaining a Liquor License for a Law Enforcement Officer Who Does Not Directly Benefit Financially

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

Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §601, sub-§2, ¶F, as amended by PL 1995, c. 192, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

F. The applicant is a law enforcement officer or if a law enforcement officer benefits directly from the issuance of the license;

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#### CHAPTER 169

#### H.P. 404 - L.D. 585

### An Act To Require the Development of a Statewide Approach to Seaweed Management

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6807,** as reallocated by RR 1999, c. 1, §19, is amended to read:

#### §6807. Seaweed harvesting rules

The commissioner may adopt rules regulating the harvest of seaweed on a species-specific basis, including, but not limited to, the total number of licenses that may be issued, the designation of a harvesting season or seasons, the quantity of the resource that may be harvested in a season, areas that may be open or closed to harvest, the designation of sectors, limitations on harvest by sector, establishment of a process for allocation to sectors and gear and techniques that may be used in harvesting. Rules adopted under this section are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter H - A 2 - A.

Sec. 2. Statewide fisheries management plan for seaweed. The Commissioner of Marine Resources shall develop a statewide fisheries management plan for seaweed pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6171, subsection 2-A and shall present that plan for review and comment to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources no later than January 31, 2014. After review of the plan, the committee may report out a bill related to the plan to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

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#### **CHAPTER 170**

#### S.P. 236 - L.D. 645

# An Act To Allow the Adjustment of the Assessment Rate for the Rural Medical Access Program

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §6305, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 2005, c. 122, §7, is amended to read:

**3.** Assessment rates; program fund balance. For assessment years prior to July 1, 2006, the assessment is 1.25% of premium. For assessment years