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out under section 4703 and multiple opportunities. Achievement may be demonstrated by evidence documented by course and learning experiences using multiple measures, such as, but not limited to, examinations, quizzes, portfolios, performances, exhibitions and, projects and community service.

- **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §4722-A, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2011, c. 669, §7, is amended to read:
- 2. Method of gaining and demonstrating proficiency. Students must be allowed to gain proficiency through multiple pathways, as described in section 4703, and must be allowed to demonstrate proficiency by presenting multiple types of evidence, including but not limited to teacher-designed or student-designed assessments, portfolios, performance, exhibitions and, projects and community service.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 177 S.P. 169 - L.D. 437

An Act To Amend the State General Permit Process for Tidal Power To Remove a Conflict with a Federal Permit Requirement

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

- **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §636-A, sub-§3, ¶D,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 270, Pt. D, §8, is amended to read:
 - D. A copy of an environmental assessment issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the proposed tidal energy demonstration project that includes a finding of "no significant environmental impact" pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Public Law 91-190, 42 United States Code, Chapter 55, although the department may accept an application as complete for processing prior to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's issuance of a finding of no significant environmental impact; and
- **Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §636-A, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 270, Pt. D, §8, is amended to read:
- 4. Notification. The department shall notify an applicant in writing within 60 days of its acceptance of the application as complete for processing or within 30 days of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's issuance of a finding of no significant environmental impact, whichever later occurs, if the department determines that the requirements of this section have not been met. The notification must specifically cite the

requirements of this section that have not been met. If the department has not notified the applicant under this subsection within the specified time period, a general permit is deemed to have been granted.

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CHAPTER 178 H.P. 1089 - L.D. 1516

An Act To Allow Certain Military Personnel To Administer Oaths and Perform the Duties of a Notary Public

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

Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA $\S 390$ -C is enacted to read:

§390-C. Administration of oaths and notarial acts

- 1. Power to administer oaths. A commissioned or warrant officer of the state military forces and other personnel of the state military forces authorized to administer oaths under the laws of this State may administer oaths for the purpose of the administration of military justice and for other purposes of military administration, including administering enlistment oaths to persons enlisting or reenlisting in the National Guard. A commissioned or warrant officer of the United States Armed Forces may administer enlistment oaths to persons enlisting or reenlisting in the National Guard.
- 2. Powers of notary public. A judge advocate or paralegal serving in the state military forces has, by virtue of the judge advocate's or paralegal's office and service, the powers of a notary public in the performance of all notarial acts to be executed for any member of the state military forces or United States Armed Forces or spouse of a member of the state military forces or United States Armed Forces. A fee may not be paid to or received by any person for the performance of a notarial act authorized in this subsection. The signature of any such person acting as a notary, together with that person's official title, is prima facie evidence that the signature is genuine, that the person holds the designated title and that the person is authorized to perform a notarial act. A notarization or acknowledgment accomplished under the authority of this subsection must generally follow the form below but is not required to be under official seal:

I, (name of notary public), certify that the foregoing instrument was subscribed and (sworn/affirmed) before me this (day of the month) day of (month), (year) by (name of person making statement), (state military