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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
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1. Military liaison. Designate a staff member as a military liaison, whose duties include:

- A. Identifying military-connected students enrolled at the school administrative unit;
- B. Serving as the point of contact between the school administrative unit and military-connected students and their families;
- C. Determining appropriate school administrative unit services available to military-connected students; and
- D. Assisting in coordinating school administrative unit programs relevant to military-connected students;

2. Website. Maintain on the school administrative unit's publicly accessible website an easily accessible web page that includes resources for military-connected students and their families, including information regarding:

- A. Relocation to, enrollment in and transferring records to the school administrative unit;
- B. Academic planning, course sequences and advanced classes available at the school administrative unit; and
- C. Counseling and other support services available for military-connected students enrolled in the school administrative unit;

3. Transition program. Maintain a transition program led by students, when appropriate, that assists military-connected students in transitioning into the school administrative unit;

4. Professional development. Offer professional development for staff members on issues related to military-connected students; and

- 5. Initiatives. Initiate one of the following:
 - A. A resolution showing support for military-connected students and their families;
 - B. Recognition of the month of the military child or military family month with relevant events hosted by the school administrative unit; or
 - C. A partnership with a local military installation, as defined in section 20102, that provides opportunities for active duty military members to volunteer at the school administrative unit, speak at an assembly or host a field trip.

§6994. Partnerships between school administrative units

A school administrative unit may partner with another school administrative unit to fulfill any of the requirements of this chapter.

§6995. Rules

The department shall adopt rules as necessary to administer this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §10010-A is enacted to read:

§10010-A. Spouse or child of active duty member of United States Armed Forces

A spouse or dependent child of an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces who is assigned to duty out of the State immediately following assignment to duty in the State is eligible for in-state tuition rates and fees at the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System or the Maine Maritime Academy as long as the spouse or dependent child is continuously enrolled in the postsecondary institution.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 249

H.P. 236 - L.D. 332

An Act To Reevaluate the Frenchboro Area Dragging Exclusion Zone

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6954-A, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. F, §37 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

For purposes of this section, except as otherwise defined by rules adopted under subsection 1-A, "the Frenchboro area" means the following area: starting at the easternmost point on Red Point, Swan's Island; thence in an easterly direction to the southernmost point of the western Sister's Island; thence in a southeasterly direction to the southernmost point of Crow Island; thence in a southerly direction to the northernmost point of Harbor Island, Frenchboro, Long Island; thence southerly to the state ferry terminal located on the eastern side of Lunt's Harbor, Frenchboro, Long Island, and then starting at the westernmost point of Gooseberry Point on Frenchboro, Long Island; westerly to the northeast point of John's Island; thence northwest to the easternmost point of the largest of the Baker Islands; thence northwesterly to the northeastern point of Harbor Island, Swan's Island; thence northerly to Quarry Wharf, Minturn, Swan's Island.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6954-A, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 784, §10, is amended to read:

1-A. Scalloping permitted by rule. The commissioner may adopt and amend rules that amend the definition of the Frenchboro area if the commissioner determines, after evaluation, that the area should be modified to better achieve the purposes of this section. The commissioner may also adopt and amend rules permitting the taking of scallops in the Frenchboro area, as defined in subsection 1, except that the rules may not permit the use of drags more than 30 inches wide and may not permit the use of drag ropes more than 3/8 inch in diameter. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 3. Evaluation of the Frenchboro area; report. Within 90 days of the effective date of this Act, the Commissioner of Marine Resources shall evaluate the size and boundaries of the Frenchboro area, where, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6954-A, dragging and scalloping are prohibited, to determine whether the area should be modified. The commissioner shall report the results of the evaluation to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources by February 1, 2022.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 250

H.P. 243 - L.D. 345

**An Act Updating Certain
Probate Filing and
Certification Fees To Reflect
Current Costs**

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

Sec. 1. 18-C MRSA §1-602, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

§1-602. Filing and certification fees

The person making the request shall pay the register the following fees for filing or certifying documents.

1. Certification. For making and certifying to the register of deeds copies of devises of real estate, abstracts of petitions for appointment of a personal representative or for an elective share and any other document for which certification is required, the fee is ~~\$15~~ \$20 plus the fee for recording as provided by Title 33, section 751, except as otherwise expressly provided by law. The fee must be paid by the personal representative, petitioner or other person filing the document to be certified when the copy of the devise, abstract, petition for elective share or other document for which certification is required is requested. The register of probate shall deliver the certified document to the register of

deeds together with the fee for recording as provided by Title 33, section 751.

2. Filing. For receiving and entering each petition or application for all estates, testate and intestate, including foreign estates, and the filing of a notice by a domiciliary foreign personal representative, except for the filing of a successor personal representative, when the value of the estate is:

- A. \$10,000 and under, the fee is ~~\$20~~ \$40;
- B. \$10,001 to \$20,000, the fee is ~~\$40~~ \$60;
- C. \$20,001 to \$30,000, the fee is ~~\$60~~ \$75;
- D. \$30,001 to \$40,000, the fee is ~~\$75~~ \$95;
- E. \$40,001 to \$50,000, the fee is ~~\$95~~ \$125;
- F. \$50,001 to \$75,000, the fee is ~~\$125~~ \$190;
- G. \$75,001 to \$100,000, the fee is ~~\$190~~ \$250;
- H. \$100,001 to \$150,000, the fee is ~~\$250~~ \$325;
- I. \$150,001 to \$200,000, the fee is ~~\$325~~ \$375;
- J. \$200,001 to \$250,000, the fee is ~~\$375~~ \$450;
- K. \$250,001 to \$300,000, the fee is ~~\$450~~ \$500;
- L. \$300,001 to \$400,000, the fee is ~~\$500~~ \$575;
- M. \$400,001 to \$500,000, the fee is ~~\$575~~ \$625;
- N. \$500,001 to \$750,000, the fee is ~~\$625~~ \$700;
- O. \$750,001 to \$1,000,000, the fee is ~~\$700~~ \$750;
- P. \$1,000,001 to \$1,500,000, the fee is ~~\$750~~ \$875;
- Q. \$1,500,001 to \$2,000,000, the fee is ~~\$875~~ \$950;
or
- R. More than \$2,000,000, the fee is ~~\$950~~ \$1,200, and continuing in steps of ~~\$400~~ \$250 for every increase in value of \$500,000 or part thereof above \$2,500,000.

For filing a will for no probate, ~~there the fee is no charge~~ \$15.

For filing a will to be probated and without an appointment, the fee is ~~\$15~~ \$20.

3. Copies of court records. For making copies from the records of the court, the fee is \$1 for each page.

4. Certificate of appointment. For each certificate, under seal of the court, of the appointment and qualification of a personal representative, guardian, conservator or trustee, the fee is ~~\$5~~ \$10, and for each double certificate, the fee is ~~\$10~~ \$20.

5. Petition for appointment as guardian. For filing a petition for appointment as guardian, the fee is ~~\$50~~ \$90.