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**CHAPTER 98
S.P. 249 - L.D. 581**

**An Act to Assist Municipal
Shellfish Conservation
Programs**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6072-C, sub-§3-A, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 159, §6, is amended to read:

3-A. Educational courses. Prior to the issuance or renewal of a limited-purpose aquaculture license, the commissioner may require the applicant to complete any educational courses the commissioner determines appropriate, except that an applicant that is exempt from payment of an application fee as provided in subsection 6-A may not be required to complete an educational course. Educational courses may be provided by the department or by any public or private sector association or organization authorized by the commissioner. For any course provided by the department, the commissioner shall set an enrollment fee sufficient to recover all costs incurred by the department in providing the course.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6072-C, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2021, c. 52, §16 and affected by §21, is further amended to read:

6. Fee. The Except as provided in subsection 6-A, the application fee for a resident limited-purpose aquaculture license is \$100 and for a nonresident limited-purpose aquaculture license is \$400. The application fee is nonrefundable. All fees collected under this subsection must be deposited in the Aquaculture Research Fund established in section 6081.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6072-C, sub-§6-A is enacted to read:

6-A. Fee exemptions. The commissioner may not assess an application fee for a limited-purpose aquaculture license that is issued to:

A. A municipal shellfish management committee established pursuant to section 6671, as long as the organisms cultured on the license site are not used for commercial purposes; or

B. A municipal officer for a municipal project, as long as the organisms cultured on the license site are not used for commercial purposes.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 99
H.P. 408 - L.D. 631**

**An Act to Change the
Notification Law for School
Truancy**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5051-A, sub-§2, ¶C-1 is enacted to read:

C-1. Notwithstanding paragraph C, a superintendent may make 2 documented attempts to serve or cause to be served upon a parent the written notice and may serve or cause to be served or attempt to serve or cause to be served upon a parent the written notice by certified mail instead of registered mail.

This paragraph is repealed September 1, 2025.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §5051-A, sub-§2, ¶D-1 is enacted to read:

D-1. Prior to notifying the local law enforcement department under paragraph E-1, the superintendent shall schedule at least one meeting as required under paragraph B-1 and may invite a local prosecutor.

This paragraph is repealed September 1, 2025.

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §5051-A, sub-§2, ¶E-1 is enacted to read:

E-1. If, after 3 school days after the 2nd attempted service of the notice referred to in paragraph C-1, the student remains truant and the parent and student refuse to attend the meeting scheduled according to paragraph D-1, the superintendent shall report the facts of the unlawful absence to the local law enforcement department, which may proceed with an action to enforce section 5053-A against the parent unless the student is at once placed in an appropriate school or otherwise meets the requirements under section 5001-A.

This paragraph is repealed September 1, 2025.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 100
H.P. 533 - L.D. 844**

**An Act to Protect the Practice
of Certain Cardiovascular
Professionals**

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