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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
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B. Two years from the date of a 2nd finding of a violation or finding that conduct described in section 6371, subsection 4 3 has been committed; or

C. Three years from the date of a 3rd or subsequent finding of a violation or finding that conduct described in section 6371, subsection 4 3 has been committed.

The commissioner may suspend any license or certificate for a period of time not to exceed the maximum amount of time allowable for a criminal conviction or civil adjudication of the same violation.

Sec. 14. 12 MRSA §6506, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. License exemption. Notwithstanding subsection 1, a person may fish for, take, possess or transport a halibut without a license if the person has fished for or taken the halibut by tub trawl or by hook and line and if the halibut is only for personal use.

Sec. 15. 12 MRSA §6506, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Violation. A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

Sec. 16. 12 MRSA §6506, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Rules. The commissioner shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 17. 12 MRSA §6852, sub-§2-A, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 598, §44, is amended to read:

C. Shellstock bought from a mahogany quahog license holder licensed under section 6731; or

Sec. 18. 12 MRSA §6852, sub-§2-A, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 598, §44, is amended to read:

D. Shellstock bought from a hand-raking mussel license holder licensed under section 6745 or a mussel boat license holder licensed under section 6746; and

Sec. 19. 12 MRSA §6852, sub-§2-A, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. Shellstock bought from an aquaculture license holder licensed under section 6810-B.

Sec. 20. PL 2021, c. 52, §21 is amended to read:

Sec. 21. Effective dates. That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6072-C, subsection 6 takes effect January 1, 2022. Those sections of this Act that amend Title 12, section 6072-C, subsection 2 and enact Title 12, section

6072-C, subsection 2-B take effect January 1, 2024 2025.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 208

H.P. 74 - L.D. 106

An Act to Allow Members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System With Service in Multiple Plans to Defer Retirement Service Benefits Until Normal Retirement Age to Avoid a Reduction in Benefits

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17851, sub-§17 is enacted to read:

17. Member eligible to retire from plans with different normal retirement ages. A member who meets eligibility requirements to retire from plans with different normal retirement ages may retire and, at the election of the member, defer initiation of service retirement benefits from any plan in which the benefits would be reduced because the member has not reached normal retirement age. The deferral ends when the member reaches normal retirement age for the plan. The election to defer is irrevocable and must be made before payment of a service retirement benefit begins. Service retirement benefits deferred under this subsection must be paid by the retirement system without an early retirement reduction and without any retroactive payment for the deferral period. If the member dies before the end of the deferral period, the deferral of benefits apply to any continuing beneficiary payments for the same deferral period that would have been applicable to the member.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 209

H.P. 142 - L.D. 221

An Act Regarding Airboat Noise

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13068-A, sub-§10, ¶A-2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 585, §1, is further amended by amending the 3rd blocked paragraph to read:

This paragraph is repealed on September 30, 2023 2025.