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An Act To Improve Harbor Safety by Clarifying Requirements for Maintenance Dredging Permits

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §480-E, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 240, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

7. Individual permit; maintenance dredging. Notwithstanding section 480X, if an analysis of alternatives to the dredging project has been completed by the applicant within the previous 10 years pursuant to section 480X and rules adopted to implement that section as part of an individual permit application, the applicant may update the previous analysis for purposes of obtaining an individual permit for maintenance dredging under this subsection.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §480-E, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 240, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

8. Permit by rule; maintenance dredging renewal. An individual permit for maintenance dredging may be renewed with a permit by rule only if the area to be dredged is located in an area that was dredged within the last 10 years and the amount of material to be dredged does not exceed the amount approved by the individual permit.

Effective 90 days following adjournment of the 125th Legislature, First Regular Session, unless otherwise indicated.