

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

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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.