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Resolve, to Establish a Grant Program to Issue Shellfish Licenses to Qualified Disabled Veterans

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc. Cosponsored by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich and Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, HICKMAN of Kennebec, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, PERRY of Calais, RIELLY of Westbrook, THORNE of Carmel, ZAGER of Portland.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	Sec. 1. Grant program established. Resolved: The Resources shall create a program to award grants for st including shellfish seeding, to municipalities that agree to licenses for qualified disabled veterans, referred to in this se department shall require that a municipality seeking to recei amend the appropriate ordinances to authorize the issuance o The department shall determine eligibility for particip municipalities, create an application procedure for the progra the existence of the program. In order to qualify for a license person must be a qualified disabled veteran. For the purpose disabled veteran" means a person who:	hellfish restoration reserve municipa action as "the prog we a grant from the f licenses under the bation in the pr and alert munic e issued under the	n projects, al shellfish ram." The ne program e program. ogram by ipalities of program, a	
12 13	1. Was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States, the National Guard or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces;			
14	2. Has a service-connected disability evaluated at 50% or more; and			
15	3. Is a resident of the State.			
16 17	In order to receive a license under the program, an applicant must provide satisfactory evidence that the applicant is a qualified disabled veteran.			
18 19	Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.			
20	MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF			
21	Bureau of Marine Science 0027			
22 23	Initiative: Provides one-time funding for expenditures related to seeding clams in conjunction with a grant program for shellfish restoration projects.			
24	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25	
25	All Other	\$10,000	\$0	
26 27	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,000	\$0	
28	SUMMARY			
29 30 31	This resolve directs the Department of Marine Resources grants for shellfish restoration projects, including shellfish se agree to reserve municipal shellfish licenses for qualified disa	eeding, to municip		