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### **An Act Regarding Representation of the Department of Marine Resources in Libel Proceedings**

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Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BLUME of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶R**, as corrected by RR 2013, c. 1, §6, is  
3 amended to read:

4 R. A person who is not an attorney but who is a public accountant, enrolled agent,  
5 enrolled actuary or any other person permitted to represent the taxpayer under Title  
6 36, section 151-A, subsection 2 and is representing a party in any hearing, action or  
7 proceeding before the Maine Board of Tax Appeals in accordance with Title 36,  
8 section 151-D; ~~or~~

9 **Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶S**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. C, §6 and  
10 affected by Pt. F, §1, is further amended to read:

11 S. An individual who is the sole member of a limited liability company or is a  
12 member of a limited liability company that is owned by a married couple, registered  
13 domestic partners or an individual and that individual's issue as defined in Title 18-C,  
14 section 1-201, subsection 27 who is not an attorney but is appearing for that company  
15 in an action for forcible entry and detainer pursuant to Title 14, chapter 709; or

16 **Sec. 3. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶T** is enacted to read:

17 T. A person who is not an attorney but is representing the Department of Marine  
18 Resources in a libel proceeding before a District Court under Title 12, section 6207.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill allows a person who is not an attorney to represent the Department of  
21 Marine Resources in libel proceedings before a District Court under the laws regarding  
22 the seizure and disposition of equipment and organisms.