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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 283

House of Representatives, January 17, 1963

Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cressey of North Berwick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Equipment and Safe Operation of Boats.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 36-A, §§ 5-A - 5-B, additional. Chapter 36-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 349 of the public laws of 1959, is amended by adding 2 new sections to be numbered 5-A and 5-B, to read as follows:

'Sec. 5-A. Life preservers. Every motorboat or vessel shall have aboard one life preserver, buoyant vest, ring buoy or buoyant cushion of the type approved by the United States Coast Guard in good and serviceable condition for each person on board. Every person who is unable to swim shall at all times wear such life preserver, vest, buoy or cushion when on board.

Sec. 5-B. Fire extinguishers. Every motorboat or vessel 16 feet or over in length shall be provided with such number, size and type of fire extinguishers, capable of promptly and effectively extinguishing burning gasoline, as may be prescribed by the regulations of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game, which fire extinguishers shall be at all times kept in condition for immediate and effective use and shall be so placed as to be readily accessible.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 36-A, § 8, sub-§ III-A, additional. Section 8 of chapter 36-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 349 of the public laws of 1959, is amended by adding a new subsection III-A, to read as follows:

'III-A. Water skiers. No person shall operate a motorboat or vessel more than at low speed in an area where there are water skiers either taking off or being discharged. A person operating a motorboat or vessel which is dis-

charging water skiers shall proceed at a minimum speed if in an area where there are swimmers and the area is not marked off for swimmers.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 36-A, § 8-A, additional. Chapter 36-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 349 of the public laws of 1959, is amended by adding a new section 8-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 8-A. Water skis and surfboards. No person shall operate a motorboat or vessel for towing a person or persons on water skis, or a surfboard, or similar device unless there is in such motorboat or vessel a person, in addition to the operator, in a position to observe the progress of the person or persons being towed.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 36-A, § 9-A, additional. Chapter 36-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 349 of the public laws of 1959 is amended by adding a new section 9-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 9-A. Swimming area. Areas on all public and private beaches shall be designated for swimming only by marking buoys.'