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H.P. 1712

House of Representatives, March 26, 2002

**An Act to Implement Municipal Recommendations Regarding Surface
Water Use on Great Ponds.**

Reported by the MAJORITY from the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and
Wildlife pursuant to Joint Order 2001, H.P. 1677.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

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

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7801, sub-§20, ¶R, as amended by PL 1999, c. 790, Pt. O, §1, is further amended to read:

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R. Operates a watercraft equipped with a motor greater than 5 horsepower on Moose Pond in the Town of Otisfield; ~~or~~

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Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7801, sub-§20, ¶S, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 790, Pt. O, §2, is amended to read:

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S. Operates a watercraft at greater than headway speed on any area of Pickerel Pond in the Town of Wayne; ~~and~~

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Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7801, sub-§20, ¶¶T and U are enacted to read:

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T. Operates a motorboat having more than 10 horsepower on Middle Branch Pond in the Town of Waterboro in York County;
or

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U. Operates a motorboat having more than 10 horsepower on Adams Pond, Foster Pond or Otter Pond in the Town of Bridgton in Cumberland County.

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Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7801, sub-§35, ¶¶BB and CC, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 471, Pt. D, §12, are amended to read:

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BB. Kennebago Lake and Kennebago River in Davis Township and Stetsontown Township in Franklin County; ~~or~~

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CC. Nicasious Lake in the Townships of T40 MD, T41 MD and T3 ND in Hancock County; ~~and~~

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Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §7801, sub-§35, ¶¶DD, EE and FF are enacted to read:

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DD. Crystal Lake in the Town of Washington in Knox County;

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EE. Middle Branch Pond in the Town of Waterboro in York County; or

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FF. Highland Lake or Woods Pond in the Town of Bridgton in Cumberland County if the personal watercraft is rented and does not display a decal identifying the rental agency that owns the personal watercraft.

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FISCAL NOTE

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6 The additional workload and administrative costs associated
with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system
8 can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial
Department. The collection of additional fines may increase
General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

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12 The additional enforcement costs can be absorbed by the
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife utilizing existing
budgeted resources.

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SUMMARY

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20 This bill is the majority report of the Joint Standing
Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and prohibits the use
of personal watercraft on Middle Branch Pond in the Town of
Waterboro and on Crystal Lake in the Town of Washington. It also
22 prohibits the use of personal watercraft on Highland Lake or
Woods Pond in the Town of Bridgton if the personal watercraft is
24 rented and does not display a decal identifying the rental agency
that owns the personal watercraft. Additionally, this bill
26 prohibits the operation of motorboats having more than 10
horsepower on Middle Branch Pond in the Town of Waterboro or on
28 Adams Pond, Foster Pond or Otter Pond in the Town of Bridgton.