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House of Representatives, February 28, 2007

An Act To Clarify the Definition of "Personal Watercraft"

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MILLS of Farmington.
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and
Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, PATRICK of Rumford, PINEAU of Jay,
THERIAULT of Madawaska, WATSON of Bath, Senator: GOOLEY of Franklin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13001, sub-§23**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and
3 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

4 **23. Personal watercraft.** "Personal watercraft" means any motorized watercraft that
5 is 14 feet or less in hull length as manufactured, has as its primary source of propulsion
6 an inboard motor powering a jet pump and is capable of carrying one or more persons in
7 a sitting, standing or kneeling position. "Personal watercraft" includes, but is not limited
8 to, a jet ski, wet bike, surf jet and miniature speedboat. "Personal watercraft" also
9 includes motorized watercraft whose operation is controlled by a water skier. "Personal
10 watercraft" does not include a motorized watercraft that is not capable of being operated
11 in excess of 15 miles per hour and does not generate an unreasonable amount of noise.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill exempts a motorized watercraft that is not capable of being operated in
14 excess of 15 miles per hour and does not generate an unreasonable amount of noise from
15 the definition of "personal watercraft" in the laws governing inland fisheries and wildlife.