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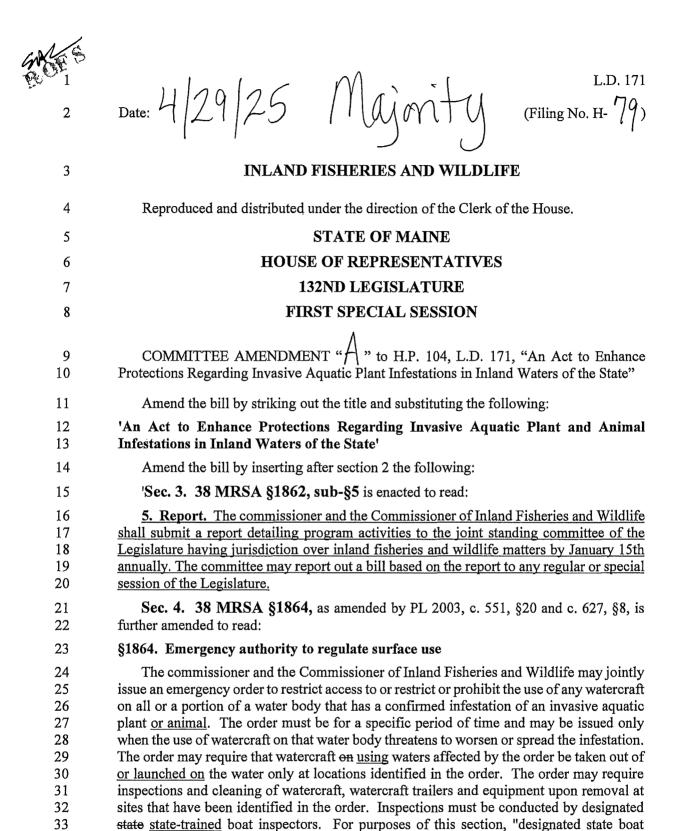
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inspector" means a person employed trained by the State and identified by the department

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ROFF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 104, L.D. 171 or the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as a person who is qualified to properly 2 conduct inspection activities.' 3 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section 4 number to read consecutively. 5 **SUMMARY** 6 This amendment authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the 7 Commissioner of Environmental Protection to issue an order on a water body with a 8 confirmed infestation of an invasive aquatic animal; current law only allows the 9 commissioners to issue an order on a water body with a confirmed infestation of an invasive 10 aquatic plant. The order may also require that watercraft be launched only at locations identified in a surface use restriction order. The amendment also removes, in cases when 11 12 a surface use restriction order requires inspections, the requirement that inspections be 13 conducted by a state employee; instead inspections may be conducted by a state-trained 14 inspector. These changes were recommended by the Interagency Task Force on Invasive 15 Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species in the task force's January 2025 report. 16 The amendment also requires the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the 17 Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report annually to the joint standing 18 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters 19 on activities of the program to prevent infestation of and to control invasive aquatic plants. 20 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED 21 (See attached)



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LD 171

LR 26(02)

An Act to Enhance Protections Regarding Invasive Aquatic Plant Infestations in Inland Waters of the State

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment (H) (H-77)

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or the Department of Environmental Protection from the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.