

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 2, 1998 to June 19, 1999**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**1999**

may submit legislation based on the recommendations of the report.

**Sec. 19. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

**PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Office of Licensing and Registration**

All Other	\$6,000
Provides funds for contracted services and operating costs required to administer the licensure of interpreters for the deaf and hard-of-hearing.	

**Sec. 20. Effective date.** This Act takes effect June 30, 2000.

Effective June 30, 2000.

**CHAPTER 400**

**H.P. 1590 - L.D. 2235**

**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Regarding Surface Use on Great Ponds**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the ability of municipalities to control surface use of waters within the municipality is an essential part of the current law; and

**Whereas,** the Second Special Session of the 118th Legislature enacted a provision in Public Law 1997, chapter 739, An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Great Pond Task Force, to allow municipalities to submit recommendations regulating the use, operation and type of watercraft on great ponds in the jurisdiction of the municipality; and

**Whereas,** this legislation needs to be enacted prior to the beginning of the summer; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7801, sub-§35** is enacted to read:

**35. Illegally operating personal watercraft in prohibited area.** A person is guilty of operating a personal watercraft in a prohibited area if that person:

A. Operates a personal watercraft on Mud Pond, Oversett Pond, South Pond, Round Pond, Twitchell Pond, Hicks Pond or Furlong Pond in the Town of Greenwood in Oxford County;

B. Operates a personal watercraft on North Pond or Bryant Pond, also known as Christopher Lake, in the Town of Greenwood and the Town of Woodstock in Oxford County;

C. Operates a personal watercraft on Concord Pond, Little Concord Pond or Shagg Pond in the Town of Woodstock in Oxford County;

D. Operates a personal watercraft on Hamilton Pond in Bar Harbor in Hancock County; or

E. Operates a personal watercraft on Bog Lake or Horseshoe Lake in the Town of Northfield in Washington County.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective June 3, 1999.