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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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3. Removal of structures. A person who violates section 3302 shall remove the violating nonwater-dependent floating structure from the internal waters that the structure was placed or used in, on or over and is responsible for all costs associated with the removal and the costs of any damage to persons or property caused by the structure's placement or use.

4. Abandoned structures. An abandoned nonwater-dependent floating structure may be removed, possessed, sold, destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the State, a municipality or other primary enforcement authority. The authority provided under this subsection does not affect the authority granted under Title 12, section 1866 related to the removal of an abandoned watercraft pursuant to that section.

§3306. Enforcement

Any person described in Title 12, section 10403 may enforce the provisions of this chapter.

§3307. Rulemaking

In consultation with the Department of Marine Resources and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may adopt rules clarifying the application of the provisions of this chapter to watercraft, houseboats, nonwater-dependent floating structures and nonwater-dependent uses, rules clarifying or expanding the scope of the exceptions to the prohibition under section 3302 and other rules necessary for the implementation of this chapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 13. Report. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall submit, no later than February 1, 2026, a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with updated information on nonwater-dependent floating structures in the State and the implementation of this Act. The report may include recommendations for statutory changes. The committee may report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 379

H.P. 438 - L.D. 670

An Act to Address Coercive Control in Domestic Abuse Cases

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

Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §4102, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. B, §65, is amended to read:

C. Compelling a person by force, threat of force, coercion or intimidation:

- (1) To engage in conduct from which the person has a right or privilege to abstain; or
- (2) To abstain from conduct in which the person has a right to engage;

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CHAPTER 380

H.P. 486 - L.D. 744

An Act to Remove Certain Wharves and Piers from the Laws Governing the Current Use Valuation of Working Waterfront Land

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §1132, sub-§11, as amended by PL 2023, c. 671, §1, is further amended to read:

11. Working waterfront land. "Working waterfront land" means a parcel of land, or a portion thereof, that fully or partially abuts water to the head of tide or land located in the intertidal zone that is used primarily or used predominantly to provide access to or support the conduct of commercial fishing activities. ~~"Working waterfront land" also includes a wharf or pier used primarily or used predominantly by persons engaged in commercial fishing activities that include, including, but not limited to, berthing and storage of a boat and the location of small fishing houses for commercial fishing gear maintenance and storage of commercial fishing gear.~~ For purposes of this subchapter, a parcel is deemed to include a unit of real estate notwithstanding the fact that it is divided by a road, way, railroad or pipeline.

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CHAPTER 381

H.P. 670 - L.D. 1041

An Act to Preserve Affordability in Publicly Assisted Housing Developments

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4972, as repealed and replaced by PL 2023, c. 218, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4972-A is enacted to read: