

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE - HUNDRE DTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 634

S. P. 230

In Senate, January 24, 1961

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Brewster of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Operation of Motor Vessels.

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

R. S., c. 98, §§ 13-15, additional. Chapter 98 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 3 new sections, to be numbered 13 to 15, to read as follows:

‘Operation of Motor Vessels.

Sec. 13. Dangerous operation prohibited. No person shall operate a motor vessel or boat upon the tidewaters of any municipality in a manner as to endanger any person or property or in a manner as to create a wake or wash that unnecessarily disturbs any moored or anchored vessel or boat or that unnecessarily disturbs any wharf, float, weir or seine. No person shall permit any motor vessel or boat owned by him to be operated in violation of this section.

Sec. 14. Enforcement. Every law enforcement officer in this State, including harbor masters and their deputies, shall have the authority to enforce section 13 and in the exercise thereof shall have the authority to stop and board any motor vessel or boat found in violation of section 13. It shall be unlawful for the operator of any such motor vessel or boat to fail to stop upon hail from any such officer while in uniform.

Sec. 15. Penalty. Any person who violates any provision of sections 13 or 14 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 for each such violation for the benefit of the municipality upon whose tidewaters the offense occurred.’