

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Jobin of Rumford.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Providing for Public Facilities for Boats.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 38-C, additional.** The Revised Statutes are amended by adding a new chapter 38-C, to read as follows:

**‘Chapter 38-C.**

**Public Facilities for Boats.**

**Sec. 1. Committee, duties.** There is hereby created a committee composed of the Commissioner of Economic Development, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game, the Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries, Chairman of the State Highway Commission and the Director of the Maine State Park Commission. The committee shall acquire, construct and maintain, within the funds available, public facilities for boats in the waters of the State, including but not limited to launching ramps, parking sites and access roads. Waters of the State means any waters within the territorial limits of the State, and the marginal sea adjacent to the State.

The committee shall decide where the facilities shall be located and which facilities shall be constructed by the Highway Department.

**Sec. 2. Boating Facilities Fund.** There is hereby created within the Department of Economic Development a Boating Facilities Fund, to which shall be credited the tax paid by operators of private pleasure boats, as provided in chapter 16, section 166. This fund shall be available to the committee in carrying out its duties.

**Sec. 3. Fees.** The committee may charge reasonable fees for the services provided by this chapter. Such fees shall be used to supervise the facilities constructed. The committee may set aside no more than 10% of said fees per year as a reserve fund for repairs and maintenance of the facilities and for marking the waters where in its opinion a hazard to boating exists.

**Sec. 4. Leases.** The committee may lease, on such conditions as it deems necessary, for a period not exceeding 30 years, parking lots and nearby sites for the purpose of having constructing and maintaining by the lessees restaurants, gift shops, marinas and the like. The income from such leases shall be credited to the Boating Facilities Fund.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 16, § 166, amended.** Section 166 of chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

'The refunds for operators of private pleasure boats shall not be paid to the applicants but shall be credited to the Boating Facilities Fund as created by chapter 38-C, section 2.'