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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 558, L. D. 1500, Bill, "An Act to
Provide Marine or Tidal Water Classifications."

Amend said Bill in that part designated "Sec. 2-A." of section 2 by striking out all of the last 5 underlined paragraphs and inserting in place thereof the following underlined paragraphs:

"Class SC, the 3rd highest classification, shall be of such quality as to be satisfactory for recreational boating, fishing and other similar uses except bathing.

Waters of this classification shall be free from scums, slicks, odors and objectionable floating solids, and shall be free from chemicals and other conditions inimical to aquatic life. The dissolved oxygen content of such waters shall not be less than 5 parts per million.

The commission may take such action as may be appropriate for the best interests of the public when it finds that an "SC" classification is temporarily lowered due to abnormal conditions of temperature and flow for that season involved.

Class SD waters, the lowest classification, shall be considered as primarily devoted to the disposal of sewage and industrial wastes without causing a public nuisance as defined in chapter 141, section 6, by the creation of odor producing sludge banks and deposits or other nuisance condition and such waters shall contain dissolved oxygen at all times. During a period of temporary reduction in the dissolved oxygen content in this class water, due to abnormal conditions of temperature or flow for the particular season involved, the commission, provided a nuisance condition has not then been created in such water and in the opinion of the commission is not likely to be created during such season, shall take no action to reduce the amount of pollution from any source which is allowed in such class water under normal conditions.

With respect to "SC" and "SD" classifications, the number of coliform bacteria, or amounts of toxic wastes or chemicals discharged into said waters shall be only those amounts which will not, in the determination of the commission, be harmful to the public health.' "

Proposed by Senator COLE of WALDO

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