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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, the Forest Commissioner, Chairman of the State Highway Commission and the Director of the Maine State Park and Recreation 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 5c of the tax paid on fuel used in motor boats, as provided in chapter 16, section 160. 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, § 160, amended.** Section 160 of chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end, a new paragraph, as follows :

'Five cents of the tax so paid on fuel used in motor boats, which is not refunded under section 166, shall be paid to the Treasurer of State, to be credited to the Boating Facilities Fund to accomplish the purposes of chapter 38-C.'