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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 19, 1965

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Poulin of Skowhegan.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to the Operation of Watercraft and Water Skis.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 38, § 237, sub-§ 1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 237 of Title 38 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end the following:

'No person shall water ski or surfboard between sunset and sunrise. No watercraft shall have more than 2 water skiers at any time, except during a regatta or water ski exhibition.'

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 38, § 237, sub-§ 4, repealed and replaced. Subsection 4 of section 237 of Title 38 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'4. Prudent operation required. It is unlawful to operate any watercraft, except at a reasonable and prudent speed for the existing conditions. No person shall operate any watercraft within 500 feet of the shoreline, except for trolling for fish, when a distance of 300 feet shall be maintained from the shoreline, or for the purpose of approaching or leaving a dock, pier or wharf, or for passage through a thoroughfare or channel from one body of inland water to another.'

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 38, § 237, sub-§ 6, amended. Subsection 6 of section 237 of Title 38 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end the following:

'No motorboat shall haul a water skier unless there are 2 persons in the motorboat over 16 years of age.'

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 38, § 238, sub-§ 2, ¶ C, amended. Paragraph C of subsection 2 of section 238 of Title 38 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

'The area used for a water ski exhibition shall be designated by warning flags and shall be located not less than 1,000 feet from the shoreline. The exhibition shall be publicly advertised in a newspaper having a general circulation in the county in which the exhibition is to be held at least once each week for 2 successive weeks prior to the event and shall be held between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.'