

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 656

S. P. 276

In Senate, February 8, 1967

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

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Protect Intake of Public Water Supply.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 2437, additional. Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2437, as follows:

§ 2437. Protection of intake of public water supply

Any water utility or municipality supplying water to the public from a lake or pond is authorized to designate by buoys in the water or markers on the ice an area with a radius commencing at its point of intake. Said radius shall not exceed a distance computed by multiplying 50 feet by the daily average in millions of gallons of water drawn from said intake for the month of highest water use of said water utility or municipality for the previous year. In any event, said radius shall not be less than 300 feet nor more than 1,000 feet. Within said area no person shall carry on any recreational activity on or under the surface of the water or ice. If reasonably necessary to permit passage of boats through said area to pass from one section of said lake or pond to another, said water utility or municipality shall buoy an adequate channel for such traffic. Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 for each offense.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit in any way any private and special law granting a water utility or municipality greater controls for protecting the intake of its public water supply than those set forth in this section.