

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 119

House of Representatives, January 14, 1969

Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kelly of Southport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Safety Equipment on Boats Operated on Waters of the State.

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

R. S., T. 38, § 238, sub-§ 1, repealed and replaced. Subsection 1 of section 238 of Title 38 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 16 of the public laws of 1967, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

1. **Safety equipment.**

A. All motorboats while in operation on the waters of the State shall comply with the same requirements pertaining to lights, life saving devices, fire extinguishers and other safety equipment as required by federal laws and regulations on federal navigable waters. The bureau may prescribe additional equipment not in conflict with Federal Navigation Laws.

B. All other watercraft while in operation on the waters of this State shall carry at least one U. S. Coast Guard approved life saving device labelled as such for each person aboard. Such devices shall be maintained in good and serviceable condition and be readily accessible at all times.

C. The operator shall be responsible to see that watercraft are equipped as specified in this section before operating said watercraft on the waters of this State.