

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 104th LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "E" to H.P. 1236, L.D. 1569, Bill, "AN ACT to Extend Registration Coverage and to Provide Increased Fees in Lieu of Personal Property Vax on Certain Watercraft."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the Title and inserting in place thereof the following Title: 'AN ACT to Extend Registration Coverage, to Provide Increased Fees in Lieu of Personal Property Tax on Certain Watercraft and to Provide Penalties for Injuring or Tampering with Watercraft.'

Amend said Bill in section 1 by striking out all of that part designated "§ 2493-A" (same in L.D.) and inserting in place thereof the following:

* §2493-A. Injuring or tampering with watercraft

Whoever shall willfully break, injure, tamper with or remove any part or parts of any watercraft, or any equipment or property aboard any watercraft, against the will or without the consent of the owner of such watercraft shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000 and by imprisonment for not more than 11 months for the first offense and for not more than 5 years for subsequent offenses, or by both.'

Further amend said Bill in section 2 by striking out all of that part designated paragraph "L" and inserting in place thereof the following:

'L. All undocumented watercraft for which a valid certificate

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of number has been issued and all documented watercraft for which the annual fee has been paid and an official fee receipt issued, under Title 33, sections 233 and 234.

Further amend said Bill in section 10 in that part designated "<u>§ 233</u>" by striking out all of paragraph A of subsection 1 (same in L.D.) and inserting in place thereof the following:

'A. A watercraft whose sole means of propulsion is manual or which is less than 15 feet in length and propelled by sail or machinery of 10 horsepower or less or which is propelled by machinery of 3 horsepower or less.'

Further amend said Bill in section 10 in that part designated "§ 233" by inserting after paragraph J of subsection 2 the following new paragraph:

'K. For watercraft used solely for commercial fishing, the fees under paragraphs A to F shall be 50% of the amount stated.'

Filed by Mr. Kelley of Southport.

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