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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 268

H. P. 201

House of Representatives, January 20, 1967

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Conley of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Amend the Act to Prevent the Pollution of the Waters of
Sebago Lake.

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

P. & S. L., 1913, c. 157, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 157 of the private and special laws of 1913 is amended to read as follows:

Section 2. No person shall bathe in the waters of Sebago Lake within ~~two~~ 2 miles of the ~~intake~~ intakes of the Portland Water District, nor shall any person wash linen or other articles of personal apparel in the waters of said lake. In addition to the foregoing provision, no person shall, within the following described restricted areas near the intakes of the Portland Water District, operate any boat or any motorized vehicle, including snowmobiles, carry on ice fishing or trespass. The Portland Water District is hereby authorized to place buoys in the waters of Sebago Lake and markers on the ice to define the above prohibited area. Any such buoys placed in the waters of Sebago Lake shall be plainly marked as required by the Director of Parks and Recreation under Title 38, section 323. To the extent that this statute prohibits the operation of a boat or vehicles or the carrying on of ice fishing in an area greater than prohibited by the general laws, this Act shall apply as provided in the Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2437.

The first area is adjacent to the Standish intake and is bounded on the south and west by the shore of Sebago Lake and bounded on the north and east by the following described line:

Beginning at the southerly end of Course No. 1 and thence northeasterly along said Course No. 1, 2,370 feet to a point; thence northerly 740 feet,

more or less, to a point on Course No. 2, which point is 2,000 feet northwesterly from the southeasterly end of Course No. 2; thence northwesterly along said Course No. 2, 1,820 feet, more or less, to its intersection with Course No. 3; thence southwesterly along said Course No. 3, 1,740 feet, more or less, to the westerly end of said Course No. 3.

The second restricted area is adjacent to the Portland intakes and is bounded on the east and south by the shore of Sebago Lake and on the west and north by the following described line:

Beginning at the southeasterly end of Course No. 2; thence northwesterly along said Course No. 2, 1,320 feet to a point; thence northerly 630 feet, more or less, to a point on Course No. 1, which point is 3,600 feet from the southerly end of Course No. 1; thence northerly along said Course No. 1, 2,100 feet, more or less, to its intersection with Course No. 3; thence northeasterly along said Course No. 3, 2,100 feet, more or less, to the easterly end of Course No. 3.

Courses No. 1, 2 and 3 are defined as follows:

Course No. 1—Beginning at a monument established on the shore of Sebago Lake at the westerly side line of the Northeast Road and extending northerly to a monument established on the most westerly tip of Indian Island.

Course No. 2—Beginning at a monument established on the shore of Sebago Lake, 2,000 feet, more or less, easterly from said monument on the westerly side line of the Northeast Road and extending northwesterly to a monument established on the southerly tip of the shore of Sebago Lake easterly from the entrance of the Stickney River to the lake.

Course No. 3—Beginning at a monument established on the shore of Sebago Lake 3,960 feet, more or less, northwesterly from said monument on the westerly side line of the Northeast Road extending northeasterly to a monument established on the shore of Sebago Lake at the most westerly point on a tip of land southeast of Indian Island.

Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be liable to a fine, payable to the ~~state~~ State, of not more than ~~twenty dollars~~ \$20 for each offense.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of the proposed legislation is to restrict the use of the water area, during the summer and winter months, which is adjacent to the existing intakes used by the Portland Water District on Sebago Lake and any that may be hereafter constructed. The Trustees of the Portland Water District have become increasingly concerned about the recreational uses being made of the southern end of Sebago Lake and the possible effect on the quality of

the water which surrounds its intakes, which could result from the recreational uses.

The proposal will restrict only a small percentage of the lake, being 1.84% of the entire surface area of the lake. The legislation allows the use of the existing boat launching area as it exists at Sebago Village and allows a channel from that area out into the rest of Sebago Lake. This will allow joint use of the waters but will also mean that the quality of the water, which is used by some 150,000 greater Portland area residents, will continue to be of the highest standard.

The restricted area, the location of the intakes and the courses mentioned in the bill are all set forth in the sketch which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

