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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Penalty for Injuring Watercraft and Entering of Watercraft Without Permission.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 17, § 2493-A, repealed and replaced. Section 2493-A of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 558 of the public laws of 1969, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 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 more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both, for the first offense, and by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 5 years for subsequent offenses, or by both.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 17, §§ 2493-B and 2493-C, additional. Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 2 new sections to read as follows:

§ 2493-B. Entering of watercraft without permission

Whoever shall willfully and maliciously enter or board a registered or documented watercraft without the consent of the owner of such watercraft shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both.

§ 2493-C. Exception

Sections 2493-A and 2493-B shall not apply to any law enforcement officer acting in his official capacity for the purpose of inspection or for any act connected with his official duties.