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H. P. 1555   House of Representatives, January 26, 1972
Committee on Natural Resources suggested.
                                        BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk
Presented by Mr. Hardy of Hope.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO

AN ACT Relating to Discharge of Waste from Watercraft.

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

R. S., T. 38, § 422, additional.   Title 38 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 422 to read as follows:

§ 422.   Discharge of waste from watercraft

No person, firm, corporation or other legal entity shall discharge, spill or permit to be discharged sewage, garbage or other waste material from water-craft, as defined in section 201, subsection 14, and including houseboats, into inland waters of this State, or on the ice thereof, or on the banks thereof in such a manner that the same may fall or be washed into such waters, or in such manner that the drainage therefrom may flow into such waters.

Such watercraft shall have, securely affixed to the interior discharge open-ing of its waste disposal system, a holding tank or suitable container for the holding of waste material. Such holding tank or container shall be approved by the Environmental Improvement Commission, which shall promulgate regulations covering the type and use of such tank or container.

Whoever violates any provision of this section or any regulation adopted under authority of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than $10 nor more than $500.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.