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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Removal of Bridges Crossing Connecting Waterways of the Chain of Ponds, Franklin County.

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

Removal of bridges crossing connecting waterways of the Chain of Ponds; Franklin County. All present bridges crossing connecting waterways of the Chain of Ponds in Chain of Ponds Township, Franklin County, shall be removed by the abutting landowners. If any such bridge is not removed within no more than 60 days after notice to such abutting landowners by the Forestry Department, the department shall remove such bridge within the next 60 days. The abutting landowner shall be liable to the State for the costs and expenses of such removal. If the landowner fails to reimburse the State within 30 days of such removal, the department, in the name of the State, shall have a civil action against said abutting landowner.

Any new bridge connecting all inland waterways which are considered to be navigable waterways, i.e., lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, thoroughfares or parts thereof, shall be constructed in such a manner as not to interfere with the passage of watercraft beneath said bridge.

The Forestry Department shall be directed to notify all known violators as soon as this Act becomes effective.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.