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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-677)
107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 847, L.D. 1034, Bill,
"AN ACT to Further Define and Protect Surface Sources of Public
Water Supplies in Maine."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'22 MRSA §2437-A is enacted to read:

§2437-A. Source of public water supply defined; municipal regulations;
penalty

1. Definition. For the purposes of this section, "source
of public water supply" means any natural or man-made empoundment,
pond or lake, of under 2,500 acres whose waters are transported
or delivered by a water utility to the public. Where the
intake of a public water supply is on the outlet of any empound-
ment, pond or lake, the source of such public water supply shall
be considered to be the empoundment, pond or lake itself.

2. Municipal regulations authorized. The municipal officers
of each municipality shall have the authority, after notice and
public hearing, to adopt regulations governing the surface uses
of sources of public water supply, or portions thereof, located
within that municipality in order to protect the quality of such
sources of public water supply or the health, safety or welfare
of persons dependent upon such supplies.

At least 15 days prior to public hearings held hereunder, notice
of the hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circu-
lation in the county in which the municipality is located and shall

be mailed by registered mail to each owner of land bordering the source of public water supply within said municipality. Regulations adopted pursuant to this section shall become void upon the expiration of one year from the date of the adoption unless sooner ratified by vote of the legislative body of the municipality.

3. Penalty. Whoever willfully violates any regulation established under the authority of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$300.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment authorizes municipalities to adopt regulations governing the surface uses of empoundments, ponds or lakes under 2,500 acres used as sources of public water supply.

Reported by the Committee on Public Utilities.

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