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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 109TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. H-872)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to H.P. 1835, L.D. 1939, Bill, "AN ACT to Increase Registration Fees for Watercraft."

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

- 'Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7794, sub-§8-A is enacted to read:
- 8-A. Transition. Notwithstanding subsection 8, for

 3 calendar years beginning January 1, 1981, the commissioner
 may issue a portion of renewal certificates that shall continue in force until December 31st of:
 - A. The calendar year of issuance, in which case the fee is \$5; or
 - B. The first complete calendar year after the year of issuance, in which case the fee is \$10.

The commissioner's authority under this subsection is designed to achieve a more evenly distributed number of water-craft registrations in each year.

This subsection is repealed on December 31, 1983.

Further amend the bill by renumbering section 2 to be section 3.

Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

'Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act becomes effective January 1, 1981.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides a mechanism for the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to get a more even distribution of watercraft registrations each year. This will cut administrative costs with no impact on services.

The amendment changes the effective date to January 1, 1981.

This amendment will not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House 3/10/80 (Filing No. H-872)