

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 72**

H. P. 60

House of Representatives, January 6, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dexter of Kingfield.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Concerning Fishing by Persons Confined to Wheelchairs.**

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

12 MRSA § 7557 is enacted to read:

**§ 7557. Fishing by persons confined to wheelchairs**

**Any person confined to a wheelchair when fishing in any inland waters of the State open to fishing, may use any method of taking fish permitted under the general open water fishing regulations; provided that the person shall obey any bag limits and size limits established for the particular body of water in which he is fishing.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to make it easier for a person confined to a wheelchair to fish. It is often difficult for these persons to fish in waters which are, for example, restricted to fly fishing only. This bill would permit them to use any method of taking fish permitted under general fish regulations as long as they observe the size and bag limits for that body of water.