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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 439

H. P. 396

House of Representatives, January 26, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative S. Huber of Falmouth.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Issuance of Motorboat Racing Permits.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 7797, sub-§ 2, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, § 1, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

The applicant shall also file a copy of this request with the municipal officers of the town or towns in which the event is to be held at least 15 days prior to the event.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 7797, sub-§ 4, is enacted to read:

4. Denial of request. The commissioner shall deny any request for a permit under this section if he finds that the event:

- A. Constitutes a public nuisance;**
- B. Unreasonably interferes with the use of the water body;**
- C. Unreasonably disturbs fish or wildlife; or**
- D. Poses an unreasonable safety risk.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife currently has the authority to issue permits for motorboat races and other similar events. This bill will insure that municipalities are notified of proposed motorboat races. It also establishes criteria for use by the commissioner when approving or denying a race permit application.