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(New Draft of H.P. 1613, L.D. 2135)

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1808 House of Representatives, March 30, 1984

Reported by Representative Paradis from the Committee on Public Utilities and printed under Joint Rule 2.

Original bill presented by Representative Paradis of Old Town and cosponsored by Senator Kany of Kennebec and Representative Vose of Eastport.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Require Downstream Public  
Notification of Release of Water Impoundments.

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

12 MRSA §7034, sub-§10 is enacted to read:

10. Water level danger zones. The commissioner shall establish, in accordance with section 7035, subsection 1, water level danger zones. These zones shall consist of those areas of rivers and streams below water impoundment which are subject to rapidly changing water levels. The commissioner shall promulgate rules to protect those using those areas for recreational purposes. The commissioner may not regulate the flow of water under this section.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The public use of areas in and along our water-  
3 ways for fishing and other recreational activities is  
4 increasing. The rapid rise of water after release  
5 from an impoundment dam can be dangerous to those en-  
6 gaged in recreational activities downstream. The new  
7 draft requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries  
8 and Wildlife to establish appropriate requirements by  
9 rule to protect the public safety in specific water  
10 level danger zones.

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