

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

NO. 153

7 H.P. 127 House of Representatives, January 30, 1987
8 Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife
suggested and ordered printed.

9 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

10 Presented by Representative JACQUES of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Representative ROTONDI of Athens

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN
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17 AN ACT to Limit the Party Size to 12 Persons
18 for all Groups Operating with a Guide
19 on Inland Waters.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 12 MRSA §7301, sub-§8, as amended by PL 1985, c.
24 718, §6, is further amended to read:

25 8. Restrictions. Guides shall be restricted in
26 the use of watercraft while guiding on such waters as
27 the commissioner may prescribe.

28 The commissioner may establish, by rule, standards
29 for the use by a guide, of watercraft other than a
30 motorboat, to insure that the watercraft is safe for
31 the use intended, that sufficient safety equipment is
32 provided to each passenger and the operator is compe-
33 tent to use the watercraft.

1 Guides using a motorboat shall have either a valid
2 license to operate a motorboat carrying passengers
3 for hire issued by the commissioner, or a valid super-
4 rior United States Coast Guard license. Guides lead-
5 ing trips, as defined in section 7303, subsection 1,
6 shall comply with the provisions of that section,
7 with the exception of subsection 5 dealing with fee.

8 No registered guide may lead a party which contains
9 more than 12 persons on any lake, stream or other wa-
10 terway in the State.

11 STATEMENT OF FACT

12 The purpose of this bill is to ensure that there
13 shall be no more than 12 persons in any group that is
14 using the lakes, streams or other waterways of the
15 State.

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