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JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 **AN ACT Concerning the Use of Safety Devices**
2 **in Public Swimming Pools.**
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
5 follows:

6 **22 MRSA §1635 is enacted to read:**

7 §1635. Use of safety equipment in public pools

8 1. Use of safety equipment by persons who suffer
9 from physical disability or condition. No person may
10 prohibit the use of a life jacket or similar device
11 in a public swimming pool by any person who suffers,
12 as evidenced by a signed statement of a licensed phy-
13 sician, from any physical disability or condition

1 which necessitates the use of a life jacket or simi-
2 lar device.

3 2. Public swimming pool defined. For the pur-
4 poses of this section, a public swimming pool is any
5 swimming pool which caters to, offers its facilities
6 or services to or solicits or accepts patronage from
7 the general public.

8 STATEMENT OF FACT

9 This new draft provides that no one may prohibit
10 any person who has a physical disability from using a
11 life jacket or similar device in a public swimming
12 pool, when the person's disability necessitates its
13 use, as evidenced by a signed statement from a physi-
14 cian.

15 This new draft defines public swimming pool to be
16 consistent with the definition of other places of
17 public accommodation under the Maine Human Rights
18 Act.

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