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L.D. 2446

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
113TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1785, L.D. 2446,
"RESOLVE, to Establish the Special Commission on
Boating."

Amend the resolve by inserting after the title the
following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves
of the Legislature do not become effective until 90
days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies;
and

Whereas, the improper operation of boating
equipment creates a hazard threatening the health and
safety of residents and visitors to this State; and

Whereas, an increasing number of complaints about
the operation of jet-skis and other watercraft have
been received; and

Whereas, increases in the amount of lakeside
construction and increases in the number of summer
visitors to Maine will only lead to more conflicts
between recreational users of the State's waters
unless boating safety issues are addressed; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these
facts create an emergency within the meaning of the
Constitution of Maine and require the following
legislation as immediately necessary for the

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1 preservation of the public peace, health and safety;
2 now, therefore, be it'

3 Further amend the resolve by striking out all of
4 the 2nd resolve paragraph and inserting in its place
5 the following:

6 'Compensation. Resolved: All nonagency members
7 of the commission shall receive reimbursement for
8 expenses upon application to the Legislative Council;
9 and be it further'

10 Further amend the resolve by striking out all of
11 the last resolve paragraph and inserting in its place
12 the following:

13 'Appropriation. Resolved: That the following
14 funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry
15 out the purposes of this resolve.

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19 All Other \$5,100

20 Provides expenses for
21 commission members; 4
22 meetings, including 2
23 public hearings; and a
24 final report.

25 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency
26 cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect
27 when approved.'

28 STATEMENT OF FACT

29 The amendment removes the per diem for legislative
30 members of the commission, adds a public hearing and
31 decreases the original provision for expenses. An

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1 emergency preamble and emergency clause are added to
2 allow the commission to hold public hearings during
3 the summer when boating safety issues are of most
4 concern. For the same reason the appropriation is
5 changed to the current fiscal year.

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