

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 2446

H.P. 1785 House of Representatives, March 4, 1988
Approved for introduction by a majority of the
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife
suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative SIMPSON of Casco.

Cosponsored by Representatives STANLEY of Cumberland,
CLARK of Millinocket and Senator BLACK of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 RESOLVE, to Establish the Special
2 Commission on Boating.
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4 Commission established; membership. Resolved:
5 That the Special Commission on Boating is
6 established. The commission shall be comprised of the
7 following 12 members:

- 8 1. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and

1 Wildlife or the commissioner's designee;

2 2. The Commissioner of Marine Resources or the
3 commissioner's designee;

4 3. Three members of the House of Representatives
5 to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, 2 of whom
6 shall be chosen from the Joint Standing Committee on
7 Fisheries and Wildlife and one of whom shall be chosen
8 from the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources;

9 4. Two Senators to be appointed by the President
10 of the Senate, one of whom shall be chosen from the
11 Joint Standing Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife and
12 one of whom shall be chosen from the Joint Standing
13 Committee on Marine Resources; and

14 5. Five members of the general public to be
15 appointed by the Governor, each of whom shall have a
16 background in boating activities either as a
17 commercial enterprise or as a recreational interest;
18 and be it further

19 **Appointment; vacancies. Resolved:** That all
20 appointments shall be made within 30 days of the
21 effective date of this resolve. The members shall
22 select a chairman. The Chairman of the Legislative
23 Council shall call the first meeting of the
24 commission. Vacancies shall be filled by the
25 authority responsible for the appointment; and be it
26 further

27 **Compensation. Resolved:** That the members of the
28 commission who are Legislators shall receive the
29 legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised
30 Statutes, Title 3, section 2, for the days of
31 attendance at commission meetings. All members of the
32 commission shall receive reimbursement for expenses
33 upon application to the Legislative Council; and be it
34 further

35 **Staff assistance. Resolved:** That, if staff
36 assistance is desired, assistance shall be requested
37 from the Legislative Council; and be it further

1 **Study. Resolved:** That the commission shall
2 study boating safety issues, including a study of
3 safety equipment and the prevention of watercraft
4 accidents; issues concerning the operation of
5 watercraft, including all watercraft vehicles that are
6 currently regulated; and problems with other use
7 conflicts, including fishing and water-related
8 recreational activities. The commission shall also
9 study the statutory provisions regarding operating
10 boats in a dangerous or reckless manner, at an
11 imprudent speed or while under the influence of
12 intoxicating liquors or drugs to ensure that these
13 provisions are adequate and up to date. In addition,
14 the commission shall propose statutory changes needed
15 to properly enforce the statutes that concern boats
16 and boating and to provide protection to public,
17 private and wildlife concerns; and shall study
18 compliance with any federal regulations relating to
19 boating safety; and be it further

20 **Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall
21 submit its report, together with any necessary
22 implementing legislation, to the First Regular Session
23 of the 114th Legislature no later than January 31,
24 1989; and be it further

25 **Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following
26 funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry
27 out the purposes of this resolve.

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30 Special Commission on Boating

31 Personal Services \$1,100

32 All Other 5,350

33 Provides funds for per
34 diem for Legislative
35 members; expenses for
36 all commission
37 members; 4 meetings,

1 including one public
2 hearing; and the
3 report.

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5 Total \$6,450

6 STATEMENT OF FACT

7 This resolve establishes the Special Commission on
8 Boating to study environmental issues relating to
9 boats and boating, boating safety issues, boating
10 access issues and compliance with federal boating
11 safety regulations.

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