

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 499

In Senate, April 26, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAUN of Knox.

Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of Aroostook, Representative GREENLAW of Standish and Representative SIMPSON of Casco.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Restrict Use of Antifreeze or Other Toxic Agents on Lakes, Ponds and Streams.



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

3 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7573** is enacted to read:

5 **§7573. Prohibited fishing practices**

7 No person may add substances containing ethylene glycol or
9 other antifreeze agents to the waters of this State.

11 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7901, sub-§3-B** is enacted to read:

13 **3-B. Violation of section 7573. A violation of section**
15 **7573 is a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than**
\$50 nor more than \$200 may be adjudged.

17 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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21 An increasing number of those ice fishing on Maine waters
23 are adding antifreeze, typically containing ethylene glycol, to
25 holes cut in the ice to prevent ice formation. The number of
those ice fishing is increasing. This bill makes this practice a
civil violation carrying a fine of from \$50 to \$200. The purpose
of the bill is to prevent environmental degradation from the
addition of these toxic substances to the waters of this State.