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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1060, L.D. 1482, Bill, "An Act to Prohibit Dumping Waste on Sebago Lake"

Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:

**'An Act to Prohibit Dumping of Sanitary Waste in Inland Waters'**

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7799-A is enacted to read:**

**§7799-A. Waste water discharge in inland waters**

No person may operate a watercraft in inland waters with a marine toilet, shower or sink unless the waste water from the toilet, shower or sink is fed directly into a holding tank. The holding tank for sanitary waste water must not in any way be connected to any through-hull fittings.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7801, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:**

**2-A. Illegal operation of watercraft on inland waters. A person is guilty of operating a watercraft in violation of section 7799-A if that person launches a watercraft into, or operates a watercraft on inland waters with a marine toilet, shower or sink the waste water of which is not fed directly into a holding tank or if the holding tank for sanitary waste water is connected to any through-hull fittings.**

**Sec. 3. Effective date.** This Act shall take effect April 1, 1990.

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**FISCAL NOTE**

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5           It is anticipated that all costs associated with the  
7 enforcement of this bill would be absorbed by the Department of  
9 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Also, any costs to the Judicial  
Department resulting from additional court cases from the  
proposed violation would be absorbed by the judicial branch  
utilizing existing resources.'

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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17           This amendment requires all watercraft operating within  
19 state waters to have all waste water generated from any sink,  
shower or toilet within the boat go directly into a holding  
tank. The holding tank, in turn, must not be connected to any  
through-hull fittings. The amendment takes effect April 1, 1990.

Reported by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
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