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S.P. 600

In Senate, May 22, 1989

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PERKINS of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Senator GILL of Cumberland, Representative ADAMS of Portland and Representative COLES of Harpswell.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Require Installation of Sewage Pump-out Facilities at Certain Marinas.

Enacted at the Senate Chamber, State House, Augusta, Maine, this 15th day of May, 1989.



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

3 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7791, sub-§4-B is enacted to read:

5 4-B. Inland and coastal marina. "Inland and coastal
7 marina" means a facility which leases storage, docking or mooring
7 space to watercraft.

9 Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §414-B, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

11 4. Acceptance of waste water. Municipal and
13 quasi-municipal waste water treatment facilities constructed
13 wholly or in part with funding allocated pursuant to section 411
15 shall accept for treatment holding tank waste water from any
15 watercraft sewage pump-out facilities as required by section
17 423-B. The board may require municipal and quasi-municipal
17 treatment facilities to accept waste water from those pump-out
19 facilities which are located within 40 miles of the treatment
19 facility. The municipal and quasi-municipal waste water
21 treatment facilities may charge an annual fee which has been
21 approved by the board and which is no higher than the appropriate
23 local sewer use fee for accepting and treating that waste water.

23 Sec. 3. 38 MRSA, §423-B is enacted to read:

25 §423-B. Watercraft sewage pump-out facilities at marinas

27 Inland and coastal marinas, as defined in Title 12, section
29 7791, shall be required to provide facilities to remove sanitary
29 waste from the holding tanks of watercraft. This requirement
31 shall pertain to all marinas on inland waters which provide
31 berthing space for watercraft with sanitary waste holding tanks
33 and all marinas serving coastal waters berthing 12 or more
33 vessels which exceed 24 feet in length. This section shall
35 become effective on June 1, 1990.

37 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

39 The purpose of this bill is to implement one of the
41 recommendations contained in the Governor's report on Casco Bay.
43 Section 1 of the bill provides that waste water from holding
43 tanks that have been installed as replacements for overboard
45 discharge systems will be accepted at municipal and
45 quasi-municipal treatment facilities that have been constructed
47 using state funding. This section also provides that waste water
47 from watercraft sewage pump-out facilities will be accepted at
49 those municipal or quasi-municipal treatment facilities.

49 Section 2 requires that certain inland and coastal marinas
51 provide sewage pump-out facilities for watercraft with sanitary
51 waste holding tanks.