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## STATE OF MAINE SENATE 114TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to S.P. 841, L.D. 2160, "Resolve, to Study Threats to Maine Lakes"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the emergency preamble and before the emergency clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Legislative findings. Resolved: That the Legislature finds the following.

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1. Maine has more than 5,000 lakes that represent a natural resource of enormous value to the State's environment, economy and quality of life.

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2. Increased development pressures in the watersheds of Maine lakes are resulting in the degradation of lake water quality.

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3. Lakes identified by the State as having outstanding resource value are increasingly being threatened by development and water quality problems; and be it further

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Sec. 2. Study of threats to Maine lakes. Resolved: That the Commission on Maine Lakes is established to study current and future threats to the quality of Maine lakes; and be it further

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- Sec. 3. Commission membership; chair. Resolved: That the commission consists of the following 11 members:
- 1. One Senator serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to be appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 2. Three members of the House of Representatives serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 3. One member from each of the following groups, to be appointed by the Governor:

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2	A. A planning board member, municipal official or code enforcement officer;
4	B. A water quality expert, fisheries biologist or biologist:
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8	C. A member of a lake association;
10	D. A member of a sport alliance;
	E. A representative of a water utility;
12	F. A representative of marine trades; and
14	G. A Soil and Water Conservation District official.
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18	The commission shall select a chair who shall be a Legislator from its membership; and be it further
20	Sec. 4. Appointment. Resolved: That the appointing authorities shall make all appointments no later than 30 days
22	following the effective date of this resolve; and be it further
24	Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall undertake
26	a study of threats to the future of Maine lakes. As part of the study, the commission shall examine and develop recommendations to address:
28	to address:
30	1. The increasing levels of phosphorus runoff into Maine lakes and tributaries and the threat this runoff poses to lake water quality;
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34	2. The threats to lake water quality for lakes that serve as public water supplies; and
36	3. The protection of natural resources on lakes identified by the State as having exemplary qualities.
38	The commission shall review available information on the
40	increasing levels of phosphorus pollution in Maine lakes, the use of lakes for public water supplies and the identification of
42	lakes with outstanding natural resources. The commission shall
44	examine the experiences of other states which have taken actions to protect lake resources. The commission shall hold 2 public
46	meetings around the State seeking public input on threats to Maine lakes and solutions for addressing those threats; and be it
48	further
	Sec. 6. Staff. Resolved: That, at the request of the
50	commission, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Conservation shall provide sufficient staff
52	assistance to carry out these duties; and be it further

2	Sec. 7. Reimbursement. Resolved: 1	That commission m	members are
	entitled to receive legislative per d	liem pursuant to	the Maine
4	Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2 as		
	expenses. The Executive Director of	the Legislati	v <mark>e</mark> Council
6	shall make disbursements upon requ	est. The Chai	r of the
	Legislative Council shall convene t	he first meeti	ng of the
8	commission no later than 30 days follo	wing the effecti	ve date of
	this resolve; and be it further		
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	Sec. 8. Report. Resolved: That the	Commission on M	laine Lakes
12	shall report its findings, together	er with any	legislative
	recommendations, to the Joint Standin	g Committee on	Energy and
14	Natural Resources by January 31, 1991;	and be it further	•
16	Sec. 9. Appropriation. Resolved: Th		
	appropriated from the General Fund to	carry out the p	urposes of
18	this resolve.		
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24	Commission on Maine Lakes		
26	Personal Services	<b>\$</b> 605	\$3,025
•	All Other	800	4,900
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	Provides funds for the per		
30	diem travel and related		
	expenses of the Commission on		
32	Maine Lakes. These funds may		
	not lapse but must be carried		
34	forward.		
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	TOTAL	\$1,405	\$7,925
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40	FISCAL NOTE		
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	in fiscal year 1989-90 and \$7,925 in f	_	
44	the expenses of the Commission on Maine	-	
	Conservation and the Department of Env		
46	be able to absorb the cost of providing	-	nce to the
	commission within their respective budge	ets.'	

2	STATEMENT OF FACT
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	This amendment removes enforcement issues and boating laws
б	from the charge of the commission and consequently removes participation from representatives of the Joint Standing
8	Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. It also adds 3 additional
U	public members and charges the Governor with appointing the
10	public members.
12	The use of lakes for public water supplies is added to the
	issues to be addressed by the commission.
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Reported by Senator Erwin for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reproduced and Distributed Pursuant to Senate Rule 12.

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