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

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.

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.

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

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

**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

**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:

- 2           A. A planning board member, municipal official or code  
enforcement officer;
- 4           B. A water quality expert, fisheries biologist or biologist;
- 6           C. A member of a lake association;
- 8           D. A member of a sport alliance;
- 10          E. A representative of a water utility;
- 12          F. A representative of marine trades; and
- 14          G. A Soil and Water Conservation District official.

16           The commission shall select a chair who shall be a Legislator  
18           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  
a study of threats to the future of Maine lakes. As part of the  
26           study, the commission shall examine and develop recommendations  
to address:

28           1. The increasing levels of phosphorus runoff into Maine  
30           lakes and tributaries and the threat this runoff poses to lake  
water quality;

32           2. The threats to lake water quality for lakes that serve  
34           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  
examine the experiences of other states which have taken actions  
44           to protect lake resources. The commission shall hold 2 public  
meetings around the State seeking public input on threats to  
46           Maine lakes and solutions for addressing those threats; and be it  
further

48           **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



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### STATEMENT OF FACT

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6 This amendment removes enforcement issues and boating laws  
8 from the charge of the commission and consequently removes  
10 participation from representatives of the Joint Standing  
12 Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. It also adds 3 additional  
14 public members and charges the Governor with appointing the  
public members.

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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  
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