

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 467

House of Representatives, February 19, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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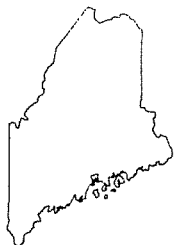
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative McKEEN of Windham.
Cosponsored by Representative NUTTING of Leeds.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Limit Domestic Waterfowl in Farm Ponds.



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

4 38 MRS §420-B is enacted to read:

6 §420-B. Water quality of agricultural impoundments

8 1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the
10 context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the
12 following meanings.

14 A. "Agricultural impoundment" means a body of water located
16 entirely within one person's ownership that is used by
18 domestic waterfowl.

20 B. "Domestic waterfowl" means tame, swimming birds raised
22 for agricultural purposes.

24 2. Prohibition. No person may allow the density of
26 domestic waterfowl to exceed one bird for every 100 square feet
28 of surface area on an agricultural impoundment in that person's
30 ownership if that agricultural impoundment:

32 A. Has an outlet into a river, stream or brook as defined
34 in section 480-B; or

36 B. Is within 1000 feet of a dug well that is actively used
38 for water supply.

40 3. Enforcement. In addition to department staff, inland
fisheries and wildlife game wardens and all other law enforcement
officers enumerated in Title 12 section 7055 shall enforce the
terms of this section.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill limits the number of domestic waterfowl allowed on farm ponds in an effort to preserve water quality and drinking water supplies.