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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 485, L.D. 679, Bill, "An Act Concerning Ice Fishing"

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 §7572, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1989, c. 493, §45, is further amended to read:

1. Line limit. Unless Except as provided in subsection 2-A and unless otherwise provided by rule, a person licensed to fish may fish through ice in the daytime with not more than 5 lines set or otherwise, which shall must be under that person's immediate supervision, in any waters which that have been opened to ice fishing by the commissioner.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7572, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1989, c. 493, §46, is further amended to read:

2. Cusk. Unless Except as provided in subsection 2-A and unless otherwise provided by rule, a person licensed to fish may fish in the nighttime for cusk in waters which that have been opened to ice fishing by the commissioner by using not more than 5 lines set or otherwise. All lines set for cusk in the nighttime shall must be visited at least once every hour by the person setting who set them.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7572, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Line limit for Class B waters. Except as otherwise provided by the commissioner by rule, a person licensed to fish may fish through ice with not more than 3 lines, set or otherwise, on Class B waters. No rule adopted by the

2 commissioner may allow a person to fish through the ice on Class
3 B waters with more than 5 lines. All lines used to fish through
4 the ice in the daytime must be under the immediate supervision of
5 the person who set them. All lines used to fish through the ice
6 at night for cusk must be visited at least once every hour by the
7 person who set them.

8 For purposes of this subsection, Class B waters are waters that,
9 by rule of the commissioner, are closed to fishing from the time
10 ice forms in the fall until January 1st and are open to ice
11 fishing for all fish from January 1st through March 31st.

12 This subsection is repealed on June 30, 1993.

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18 **FISCAL NOTE**

19 This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries
20 and Wildlife to adopt rules to set a different line limit not to
21 exceed 5 lines. The costs resulting from the adoption of rules
22 will be absorbed by the Department of Inland Fisheries and
23 Wildlife utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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28 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

29 This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint
30 Standing Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife, strikes the
31 language of the original bill and replaces it with language that
32 lowers the ice fishing line limit on Class B waters from 5 lines
33 to 3 lines. The amendment allows the Commissioner of Inland
34 Fisheries and Wildlife to set a different line limit not to
35 exceed 5 lines. This provision is repealed on June 30, 1993.

36 This amendment also adds a fiscal note.

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Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife
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