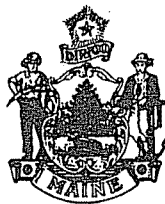


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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

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Legislative Document

No. 679

H.P. 485

House of Representatives, February 20, 1991

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative RUHLIN of Brewer.

Cosponsored by Representative DUFFY of Bangor and Representative MARSH of West Gardiner.

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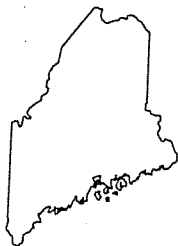
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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**An Act Concerning Ice Fishing.**

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

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4       Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7571, first ¶, is amended to read:

6       All inland waters of the State are closed to ice fishing  
8       except those which have been opened to fishing through the ice by  
10       rule of the commissioner. The commissioner by rule shall  
12       establish the alternate-year opening and closing of certain ponds  
14       to ice fishing.

16       Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7572, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1989, c. 493,  
18       §45, is further amended to read:

20       1. Line limit. Unless otherwise provided by rule and  
22       except with regard to great ponds managed for cold-water species,  
24       a person licensed to fish may fish through ice in the daytime  
26       with not more than 5 lines ~~set or otherwise~~, which shall must be  
28       under that person's immediate supervision, in any waters which  
30       have been opened to ice fishing by the commissioner. For great  
32       ponds managed for cold-water species, the line limit is 2. The  
      commissioner by rule shall adopt a definition of cold-water  
      species that includes salmon, trout and lake trout.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

      This bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and  
Wildlife to establish the alternate-year opening and closing of  
certain ponds to ice fishing. The bill also establishes a 2-line  
limit for ice fishing on great ponds managed for cold-water  
species.