

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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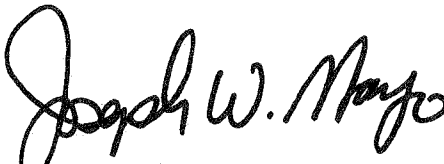
House of Representatives, February 25, 1997

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**An Act to Require Reflectors on Ice Fishing Shacks.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: JOY of Crystal, TOBIN of Dexter.

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

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3           **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6523**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, is  
4 amended to read:

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**§6523. Marking ice fishing shacks**

8           It ~~shall--be~~ is unlawful to place any shack or temporary  
9 structure used for ice fishing on the frozen coastal waters or to  
10 use the shack or structure, unless the owner's name and address  
11 are painted or otherwise clearly marked on the outside with  
12 2-inch letters and, except for a rental ice fishing shack, a  
13 reflector or reflecting tape is affixed to each side of the shack  
14 at least 3 feet above the ice. For the purpose of this section,  
15 the term "rental ice fishing shack" means an ice fishing shack  
16 equipped with electric power and owned by a person engaged in the  
17 business of renting ice fishing shacks. The fine or penalty for  
18 conviction of violating this section shall--include includes the  
19 costs incurred in removing any structure.

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21           **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7628**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is  
22 amended to read:

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**§7628. Failing to label ice fishing shack**

26           A person is guilty of failing to label an ice fishing shack  
27 if he that person owns any shack or temporary structure used for  
28 ice fishing, and he fails, when the shack is on the ice of any  
29 inland water, to have painted on the outside of the shack or  
30 structure in 2-inch letters the owner's name and address when--the  
31 shack--or--structure--is--on--the--ice--of--any--inland--waters or, except  
32 for a rental ice fishing shack, fails to affix a reflector or  
33 reflecting tape to each side of the shack at least 3 feet above  
34 the ice. For the purpose of this section, the term "rental ice  
35 fishing shack" means an ice fishing shack equipped with electric  
36 power and owned by a person engaged in the business of renting  
37 ice fishing shacks.

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**SUMMARY**

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43           This bill requires ice fishing shacks on inland and coastal  
44 waters to have reflectors or reflecting tape affixed to each side  
of the shack at least 3 feet above the ice. Rental ice fishing  
shacks equipped with electricity are exempt from this requirement.