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STATE OF MAINE
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118TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "C" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 573, L.D. 1730, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Great Pond Task Force"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2.

Further amend the amendment by inserting after section 17 the following:

Sec. 18. Recommendations for regulating the use, operation and type of watercraft for great ponds within the organized areas of the State. A municipality, with the approval of its legislative body, may submit recommendations to the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for regulating the use, operation and type of watercraft on great ponds within the jurisdiction of that municipality. For great ponds that border more than one municipality, recommendations may be submitted only after approval by the legislative bodies of all municipalities in which those waters are located. For great ponds that border lands within the jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, the approval of the commission is also required. If a municipality chooses to prepare recommendations for such waters, it shall take into consideration the use to which those waters are put, the depth of the water, the amount of water-borne traffic on the waters, wildlife and environmental values, noise, traditional uses of the water body and the safety of persons and property. These recommendations may be submitted only after a public hearing and must include a description of the resources the municipality or municipalities will use to enforce those regulations if enacted.

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2 regulate the use, operation and type of watercraft on great
3 ponds. This leaves the department with its existing authority to
4 regulate horsepower of watercraft based on safety issues when
5 petitioned to do so.

6 The amendment also adds an unallocated section to the bill
7 requiring the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to
8 submit a report to the first and second regular sessions of the
9 119th Legislature on the use, operation and type of watercraft on
10 great ponds within the organized areas of the State based on
11 recommendations voluntarily submitted to the commissioner by the
12 municipalities in 1998 and 1999. Each report must be accompanied
13 by legislation to implement municipal recommendations supported
14 by the department and may include additional proposals from the
15 department itself. Municipalities that choose to submit
16 recommendations must first hold a public hearing and must include
17 a description of the resources the municipality or municipalities
18 will use to enforce those regulations if enacted.

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