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An Act to Protect the Drinking Water Supply of the Portland Water District.

Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MUSE of South Portland. Cosponsored by Representatives: BULL of Freeport, CIANCHETTE of South Portland, QUINT of Portland, SAXL of Portland.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 2 Sec. 1. PL 1991, c. 838, §§31 and 32 are repealed. 4 Sec. 2. Declaration. The Legislature declares that the presence of a public boat launching facility within the so-called 6 "2-mile limit" around the intake pipes of the Portland Water District creates an unnecessary threat to the water supply of the 8 district and must be relocated to a location outside of this 10 limit. Sec. 3. Construction of new boat-launching ramp and related 12 facilities. The Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands shall construct and maintain within the Town of Standish a new public 14 boat-launching ramp on Sebago Lake and any necessary related facilities, including, if needed, parking sites and an access 16 road. 18 Sec. 4. Closing existing boat-launching facility. The public boat-launching facility on Sebago Lake in the Town of Standish 20 must be closed as soon as possible after the effective date of 22 this Act but not before a new public launch can be constructed according to the terms of this Act. 24 Sec. 5. Funding and location. The Portland Water District shall pay for the construction of the new public boat-launching 26 ramp and any necessary related facilities, except that the 28 district is not obligated to pay more than \$800,000 for the The ramp and any related facilities must be construction. located on land provided by the Portland Water District. 30 The title to the land remains with the district. 32 SUMMARY 34 36 This bill closes the existing boat-launching ramp in Standish and replaces it with a new boat-launching ramp, also in Standish, at a location selected by the Portland Water District. 38 The bill provides that land and funding for the new 40 boat-launching ramp must be provided by the Portland Water District. 42