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H.P. 1493

House of Representatives, April 5, 1999

An Act to Prohibit Motor Vehicles on Certain Lakes.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GAGNON of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2649-A is enacted to read:**

6 **§2649-A. Motor vehicles on ice prohibited**

8 **1. Public water supply. Notwithstanding section 2649, a**
10 **person may not operate a motor vehicle, as defined in Title 29-A,**
12 **section 101, subsection 42, on any frozen body of water that is**
14 **used as a public water supply.**

16 **2. Exception. The municipal officials, as defined in Title**
18 **30-A, section 2001, subsection 11, of a municipality that has a**
20 **public water supply within its boundaries may promulgate**
22 **regulations governing the granting of a day pass allowing the**
24 **operation of motor vehicle on that body of water. The pass is**
26 **restricted to a one-time use and may only be granted for a reason**
28 **determined by the municipal officials to be in the best interest**
30 **of the public.**

32 **3. Violation. A person who violates this section commits a**
34 **civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$50 nor more**
than \$200 may be adjudged for any one offense.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle on any frozen body of water that is used as a public water supply. The bill does provide for a one-time day pass that may be granted to allow a motor vehicle to be driven on the ice when it is in the best interest of the public.