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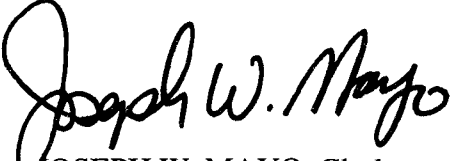
H.P. 1925

House of Representatives, April 3, 2000

**An Act to Implement Municipal Recommendations Regarding Surface
Water Use on Great Ponds.**

(EMERGENCY)

Reported by the Majority from the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and
Wildlife pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1840.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 Whereas, the restrictions on surface water uses on great
ponds contained in this legislation must take effect prior to the
start of this year's boating season; and

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10 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
12 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

16 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7801, sub-§20, ¶¶M and N,** as enacted by PL
18 1997, c. 739, §5, are amended to read:

20 M. Operates a motorboat equipped with a motor greater than
10 horsepower on Upper Hadlock Pond or Lower Hadlock Pond on
22 Mount Desert Island in Hancock County; ~~or~~

24 N. Operates a personal watercraft in violation of section
685-C, subsection 10 or any rule adopted by the commission
26 to implement that subsection;

28 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7801, sub-§20, ¶¶O, P, Q and R** are enacted to
read:

30 O. Operates a watercraft at greater than headway speed on
32 any area of Torsey Lake within 1/2 mile from the boat launch
on Desert Pond Road in the Town of Mount Vernon;

34 P. Operates a watercraft at greater than headway speed on
36 any area of Torsey Lake within 1/2 mile from the boat launch
on Old Kents Hill Road in the Town of Readfield;

38 Q. Operates a watercraft equipped with a motor greater than
40 10 horsepower on Cold Rain Pond in the Town of Naples or on
Holt Pond in the Town of Naples and the Town of Bridgton; or

42 R. Operates a watercraft equipped with a motor greater than
44 5 horsepower on Moose Pond in the Town of Otisfield.

46 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7801, sub-§35,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 400,
§1, is amended to read:

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2 **35. Illegally operating personal watercraft in prohibited**
3 **area.** A person is guilty of operating a personal watercraft in a
4 prohibited area if that person operates a personal watercraft on:

5 A. ~~Operates--a--personal--watercraft--on~~ Mud Pond, Oversett
6 Pond, South Pond, Round Pond, Twitchell Pond, Hicks Pond or
7 Furlong Pond in the Town of Greenwood in Oxford County;

8 B. ~~Operates--a--personal--watercraft--on~~ North Pond or Bryant
9 Pond, also known as Christopher Lake, in the Town of
10 Greenwood and the Town of Woodstock in Oxford County;

11 C. ~~Operates--a--personal--watercraft--on~~ Concord Pond, Little
12 Concord Pond or Shagg Pond in the Town of Woodstock in
13 Oxford County;

14 D. ~~Operates--a--personal--watercraft--on~~ Hamilton Pond in Bar
15 Harbor in Hancock County; ~~er~~

16 E. ~~Operates--a--personal--watercraft--on~~ Bog Lake or Horseshoe
17 Lake in the Town of Northfield in Washington County; ~~i~~

18 F. Megunticook Lake in the Town of Camden and the Town of
19 Hope in Knox County and the Town of Lincolnville in Waldo
20 County;

21 G. Hobbs Pond, Fish Pond or Alford Lake in the Town of Hope
22 in Knox County;

23 H. Norton Pond or Coleman Pond in the Town of Lincolnville
24 in Waldo County;

25 I. Pitcher Pond in the Town of Lincolnville and the Town of
26 Northport in Waldo County;

27 J. Torsey Lake in the Town of Mount Vernon and the Town of
28 Readfield in Kennebec County;

29 K. Trickey Pond in the Town of Naples in Cumberland County;

30 L. Brandy Pond in the Town of Naples in Cumberland County
31 between sunset and 9:00 a.m.;

32 M. Fulton Lake in the Town of Northfield in Washington
33 County;

34 N. Knight Pond in the Town of Northport in Waldo County;

35 O. Moose Pond or Saturday Pond in the Town of Otisfield in
36 Oxford County;

2 The additional workload and administrative costs associated
with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system
4 can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial
Department. The collection of additional fines may increase
6 General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

8 SUMMARY

10 This bill is reported out by a majority of the members of
the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
12 pursuant to House Paper 1840.

14 This bill prohibits the operation of personal watercraft on
Megunticook Lake in the Town of Camden, the Town of Hope and the
16 Town of Lincolnville; on Hobbs Pond, Fish Pond and Alford Lake in
the Town of Hope; on Norton Pond and Coleman Pond in the Town of
18 Lincolnville; on Pitcher Pond in the Town of Lincolnville and the
Town of Northport; on Torsey Lake in the Town of Mount Vernon and
20 the Town of Readfield; on Trickey Pond in the Town of Naples;
between sunset and 9:00 a.m. on Brandy Pond in the Town of
22 Naples; on Fulton Lake in the Town of Northfield; on Knight Pond
in the Town of Northport; on Moose Pond and Saturday Pond in the
24 Town of Otisfield; on Tripp Pond, Upper Range Pond and Middle
Range Pond in the Town of Poland; on Keewaydin Lake, Virginia
26 Lake, Trout Pond, Weymouth Pond and Whitney Pond in the Town of
Stoneham; on Lermond Pond in the Town of Union and the Town of
28 Hope; on Pocasset Lake and Pickerel Pond in the Town of Wayne; on
Androscoggin Lake in the Town of Wayne and the Town of Leeds; and
30 on Little Cobbosseecontee Lake in the Town of Winthrop.

32 The bill also prohibits the operation of watercraft at
greater than headway speed within 1/2 mile of the boat launches
34 located on the north and south ends of Torsey Lake in the Town of
Mount Vernon and the Town of Readfield, prohibits the operation
36 of a watercraft equipped with a motor greater than 10 horsepower
on Cold Rain Pond in the Town of Naples and on Holt Pond in the
38 Town of Naples and the Town of Bridgton and prohibits the
operation of a watercraft equipped with a motor greater than 5
40 horsepower on Moose Pond in the Town of Otisfield.

42 The bill also prohibits the operation of a rented or leased
personal watercraft on Brandy Pond in the Town of Naples and on
44 Long Lake in the Town of Naples, the Town of Bridgton and the
Town of Harrison unless that personal watercraft has a decal
46 affixed to it that identifies the rental agent.

48 The bill is an emergency so that its provisions will take
effect before the start of this year's recreational boating
50 season.