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House of Representatives, January 18, 2001

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**An Act to Limit the Boat Launching in East Winthrop on the Northern  
End of Cobbosseecontee Lake to Hand Carrying Only.**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester.  
Cosponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec.

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

4                   **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7652, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 796,**  
§6, is amended to read:

6                   **4. The Public Boat Launch Access Program.** The Public Boat  
Launch Access Program, referred to in this subsection as the  
8 "program," is established in the department. The purpose of the  
program is to provide anglers, boaters and other persons fair and  
10 equitable public access to public waters that offer recreational  
fishing opportunities by acquiring lands adjacent to those waters  
12 and providing appropriate opportunities to access those waters.  
The commissioner may establish program priorities based on  
14 fishery management or other resource management objectives and  
may use for these purposes any funds received through federal  
16 programs intended to aid in the restoration of sport fishing and  
other revenues available for providing access to public waters.

18                   The commissioner shall enforce certain limitations on the use of  
20 public facilities for boats pursuant to this subsection.

22                   A. Any watercraft launched from the boat launch located in  
24 East Winthrop on the northern end of Cobbosseecontee Lake  
must be carried into and out of the water by hand, and the  
26 use of boat trailers or similar equipment is prohibited.

28                   **SUMMARY**

30                   This bill prohibits the use of boat trailers and requires  
that boats be hand carried at the boat launch at the northern end  
32 of Cobbosseecontee Lake in East Winthrop. Under this bill,  
enforcement is specifically given to the Commissioner of Inland  
34 Fisheries and Wildlife.