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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
120TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" to S.P. 630, L.D. 1812, Bill, "An Act to Prevent Infestation of Invasive Aquatic Plants and to Control Other Invasive Species"

Amend the bill in Part A in section 3 in that part designated "~~§7794-B.~~" in the indented paragraph by striking out all of the last sentence (page 2, lines 1 and 2 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following: 'The fee for a sticker is \$20 for a motorboat or personal watercraft not registered in the State and \$10 for a motorboat or personal watercraft registered in the State.'

Further amend the bill in Part A in section 4 by striking out all of subsection 37 and inserting in its place the following:

'37. Failure to display lake and river protection sticker. Beginning January 1, 2002, a person who places a motorboat or personal watercraft upon the inland waters of the State without displaying a lake and river protection sticker as required by section 7794-C commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than \$100 and not more than \$250 per violation may be adjudged, except that a citation for a violation of this subsection may not be issued to a person who is also issued a citation at the same time for another violation of any provision of this section. A forfeiture imposed under this subsection may not be waived by the court.'

Further amend the bill in Part D in section 1 under the caption "ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF" in that part relating to "Land and Water Quality" in the 3rd line (page 11, line 1 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "900,000" and inserting in its place the following: '640,000'

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2 Further amend the bill in Part D in section 1 under the  
caption "ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF" in  
4 the last line (page 11, line 20 in L.D.) by striking out all of  
the following: "\$1,095,342" and inserting in its place the  
6 following: '\$835,342'

8 Further amend the bill in Part D in section 1 under the  
caption "INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF"  
10 in that part relating to "Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations" by  
striking out all of the first to last lines (page 12, lines 26 to  
12 38 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

14	'Positions - Nonlegislative Count	(0.500)	(0.500)
	Personal Services	\$24,103	\$25,308
16	All Other	5,000	5,000
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	TOTAL	\$29,103	\$30,308

20 Allocates funds to fund one  
22 part-time Biologist I  
position and for increased  
24 operating costs for this  
position.

26	<b>DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES</b>		
28	<b>AND WILDLIFE</b>		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$299,994	\$728,322

32	<b>TOTAL ALLOCATIONS</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$546,566	\$1,563,664'

34 **FISCAL NOTE**

36		<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>
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38 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

40	Other Funds	\$546,566	\$1,562,664
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42 **REVENUES**

44	Other Funds	\$1,065,000	\$2,130,000
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46 Amending the fees that will be charged for lake and river  
48 protection stickers will reduce the amount of dedicated fees that  
will be collected. Under the revised fees, the Department of  
50 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will collect \$426,000 and \$852,000

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in fiscal year 2001-02 and fiscal year 2002-03, respectively, for the Lake and River Protection Fund. The Department of Environmental Protection will collect \$639,000 and \$1,278,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 and fiscal year 2002-03, respectively, for the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund.

This amendment reduces the allocation for the Land and Water Quality program within the Department of Environmental Protection by \$260,000 for fiscal year 2002-03. The total Other Special Revenue funds allocations for the Department of Environmental Protection are \$246,572 and \$835,342 in fiscal year 2001-02 and fiscal year 2002-03, respectively.


The amendment also reduces the allocations for the Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by \$29,103 and \$30,308 in fiscal year 2001-02 and fiscal year 2002-03, respectively. The net allocations for this program are \$29,103 and \$30,308 in fiscal year 2001-02 and fiscal year 2002-03, respectively. The total Other Special Revenue funds allocations for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife are \$299,994 and \$728,322 in fiscal year 2001-02 and fiscal year 2002-03, respectively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment changes the fee for a lake and river protection sticker from \$15 for any motorboat or personal watercraft to \$20 for a motorboat or personal watercraft not registered in this State and \$10 for a motorboat or personal watercraft registered in this State.

The amendment also reduces from \$5,000 to \$250 the maximum fine for operating a motorboat or personal watercraft without a sticker and specifies that a citation for operating a motorboat or personal watercraft without a sticker may not be issued to a person who is also cited at the same time for another watercraft violation.

The amendment also makes adjustments to the allocation section of the bill to reflect adjustments necessitated by the decreased revenues anticipated as a result of the changes to the sticker fees.

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