

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 11, 2003

### **An Act To Prohibit Personal Watercraft on Lake St. George in the Town of Liberty**

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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 PIOTTI of Unity.  
Cosponsored by Senator WESTON of Waldo.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7035, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1993, c.  
265, §1, is further amended to read:

6 B. A municipality or political subdivision of the State may  
7 not enact any ordinance, law or rule regulating the hunting,  
8 trapping or fishing for any species of fish or wildlife; the  
9 operation, registration or numbering of watercraft or  
10 snowmobiles; or any other subject matter of chapter 715,  
11 subchapters I 1 and II 2. For purposes of this paragraph,  
12 except as provided in subparagraphs (3) and (4), the  
13 regulation of fishing includes the regulation of ice fishing  
14 shacks. Nothing in this paragraph may be construed to  
15 prohibit the following:

16 (1) The enactment of any ordinance generally  
17 regulating the discharge of firearms in a municipality  
18 or any part of a municipality;

19 (2) The adoption of rules as authorized in section  
20 7792;

21 (3) The enactment of any ordinance regulating ice  
22 fishing shacks on sources of public water supply as  
23 provided under Title 22, section 2642; ~~or~~

24 (4) The enactment of any ordinance regulating ice  
25 fishing shacks on coastal waters as defined in section  
26 6001, subsection 6-; or

27 (5) The enactment of an ordinance relating to the use  
28 of personal watercraft on Lake St. George pursuant to  
29 section 7807.

30 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7807** is enacted to read:

31 **§7807. Regulation of personal watercraft on Lake St. George**

32 **1. Authority.** The Town of Liberty may prohibit the use of  
33 personal watercraft on Lake St. George in the Town of Liberty if  
34 the Town of Liberty:

35 A. Holds a public hearing on the issue;

36 B. Votes at a town meeting to prohibit the use of personal  
37 watercraft on Lake St. George and to implement an  
38 enforcement plan; and

39 C. Submits an enforcement plan to the department for  
40 comments and review.

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## SUMMARY

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This bill authorizes the Town of Liberty to ban the use of  
6 personal watercraft on Lake St. George.