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An Act Concerning Public Boat Launch Sites

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative McKEE of Wayne.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, DUNLAP of Old Town, EDER of Portland, TOBIN of Windham.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7652-A** is enacted to read:

6 **§7652-A. Public boat launch site**

8 **1. Application.** Any public boat launch site created or
substantially altered by the department on or after the effective
date of this section is governed by this section.

10 **2. Buffer zone.** The department shall ensure that there is
12 a minimum buffer zone of 250 feet on each side of a public boat
launch site from the launch to abutting landowners' property.

14 **3. Local involvement.** The department shall work with the
16 municipality within which a public boat launch site is or will be
created to:

18 **A.** Encourage collaboration and education about the public
20 boat launch site; and

22 **B.** Establish a local advisory panel for the public boat
24 launch site.

26 **4. Navigational aids.** The department shall provide and
install navigational aids on any body of water where a public
boat launch site is located.

28 **5. Maintenance.** The department shall regularly maintain
30 public boat launch sites and navigational aids created and
installed under this section.

32 **SUMMARY**

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36 This bill enacts measures to ensure greater local
38 involvement in public boat launch sites, buffer zones between
launches and abutting landowners' property and maintenance of the
40 sites and the navigational aids that the Department of Inland
Fisheries and Wildlife is required to install under the bill.