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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 768, L.D. 1932, Bill, "An Act To Make Mother's Day a Free Day for Fishing"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Establish Family Fishing Days'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7035, sub-§11-B, as amended by PL 1997, c. 562, Pt. D, §2 and affected by §11, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

11-B. Free fishing days: limitations. The following 2 free fishing periods are established. No more than 2 free fishing periods may be established under this subsection.

A. Except when Memorial Day falls on a Friday, the Saturday and the Sunday immediately following Memorial Day are designated "Family Fishing Days." If Memorial Day falls on a Friday, the Saturday and the Sunday subsequent to Memorial Day weekend are designated "Family Fishing Days." The days designated "Family Fishing Days" are free fishing days.

B. The Saturday and the Sunday immediately preceding Presidents' Day are free fishing days.

Notwithstanding sections 7151 and 7371, it is lawful during a free fishing day established under this subsection for a person to fish without a license in inland waters, except that this

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subsection does not apply to a person whose license to fish is under suspension or revocation. All other provisions of chapters 701 to 721 relating to fishing apply during a free fishing day.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12503, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. D, §7, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3. Free fishing days; limitations. The following 2 free fishing periods are established. No more than 2 free fishing periods may be established under this subsection.

A. Except when Memorial Day falls on a Friday, the Saturday and the Sunday immediately following Memorial Day are designated "Family Fishing Days." If Memorial Day falls on a Friday, the Saturday and the Sunday subsequent to Memorial Day weekend are designated "Family Fishing Days." The days designated "Family Fishing Days" are free fishing days.

B. The Saturday and the Sunday immediately preceding Presidents' Day are free fishing days.

Notwithstanding sections 10606 and 12501, it is lawful during a free fishing day established under this subsection for a person to fish without a license in inland waters, except that this subsection does not apply to a person whose license to fish is under suspension or revocation. All other provisions of this Part relating to fishing apply during a free fishing day.'

SUMMARY

This amendment establishes "Family Fishing Days" as free fishing days and repeals the language making Father's Day weekend a free fishing weekend.