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S.P. 768

In Senate, March 17, 2004

An Act To Make Mother's Day a Free Day for Fishing

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket and
Senators: GILMAN of Cumberland, MITCHELL of Penobscot, NASS of York, SAVAGE of
Knox, WESTON of Waldo, Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, SHERMAN of Hodgdon,
VAUGHAN of Durham.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
3 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
4 as emergencies; and

5 **Whereas**, this legislation needs to take effect before the
6 expiration of the 90-day period; and

7 **Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
8 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
9 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
10 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
11 safety; now, therefore,

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

15 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12503, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414,
16 Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. D, §7, is amended to read:
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18 **3. Free fishing days.** The Saturday and Sunday of Mother's
19 Day weekend, the Saturday and Sunday of Father's Day weekend and
20 the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding President's Day are
21 free fishing days. Notwithstanding sections 10606 and 12501, it
22 is lawful during a free fishing day established under this
23 subsection for a person to fish without a license in inland
24 waters, except that this subsection does not apply to a person
25 whose license to fish is under suspension or revocation. All
26 other provisions of this Part relating to fishing apply during a
27 free fishing day.
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29 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
30 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.
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33 **SUMMARY**

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36 This bill creates a free fishing weekend for Mother's Day
that mirrors the free fishing weekend for Father's Day.