

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 231

House of Representatives, January 19, 2005

### An Act To Improve Recreational Watercraft Safety

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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 WATSON of Bath.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10108. sub-§12** is enacted to read:

6 **12. Personal watercraft training and certificate program.**

8 The commissioner shall establish a program for training and  
10 certifying individuals 14 years of age and older in the safe  
12 operation of personal watercraft. The commissioner may cooperate  
14 with any public or private association or organization having as  
16 one of its objectives the promotion of safety in operating a  
18 watercraft.

20 In establishing the program under this subsection, the  
22 commissioner shall:

24 A. Prescribe the type of instruction and the requirements  
26 for the satisfactory completion of a personal watercraft  
28 safety program using the criteria published by a nationwide  
30 organization of administrators of state boating laws;

32 B. Prescribe and promote the times and places of  
34 instruction;

36 C. Issue a certificate of competency to individuals who  
38 successfully complete a personal watercraft safety program;

D. Adopt rules establishing the extent to which the  
certificate program will be used in the operation and  
registration of personal watercraft; and

E. Charge a fee of \$10 per person enrolled in the program.

The rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine  
technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter  
2-A.

### SUMMARY

This bill establishes a recreational watercraft training and certificate program to promote the safe operation of watercraft in the waters of the State.