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An Act To Allow Special Olympics Maine To Conduct an Open Bass Fishing Tournament

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Presented by Representative JACKSON of Allagash.
Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and
Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, CAIN of Orono, CASAVANT of Biddeford,
CLARK of Millinocket, CLEARY of Houlton, CONOVER of Oakland, CRESSEY of Cornish,
CROCKETT of Augusta, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, EATON of Sullivan, FINLEY of
Skowhegan, FLOOD of Winthrop, HILL of York, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, MILLS of
Farmington, PATRICK of Rumford, PEOPLES of Westbrook, PILON of Saco, PINKHAM of
Lexington Township, PRATT of Eddington, SIROIS of Turner, SMITH of Monmouth,
SUTHERLAND of Chapman, THERIAULT of Madawaska, TUTTLE of Sanford, WEBSTER
of Freeport, WHEELER of Kittery.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Open bass tournament.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes,
3 Title 12, section 12505, the private nonprofit corporation Special Olympics Maine or a
4 successor organization may conduct an open bass tournament on Cobbossee Lake on the
5 first Sunday in May of each year. Special Olympics Maine may designate a bass fishing
6 club or other entities to sponsor or host the event.

7 **Sec. 2. Donate proceeds.** An amount equal to 25% of the gross proceeds received
8 from the entry fee charged for the tournament conducted under section 1 must be donated
9 to Special Olympics Maine.

10 **Sec. 3. Exempt.** The tournament authorized under section 1 is exempt from the
11 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 12505 and rules adopted pursuant to that
12 section.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill allows Special Olympics Maine to hold an open bass fishing tournament
15 every year on the first Sunday in May on Cobbossee Lake. The tournament is exempt
16 from the rules that govern open bass fishing tournaments.