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H.P. 415

House of Representatives, February 17, 2009

An Act To Create a Speed Limit on Long Lake and Brandy Pond in Cumberland County

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SYKES of Harrison.
Cosponsored by Senator HASTINGS of Oxford and
Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, ROBINSON of Raymond.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13068-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§13068-B. Speed Limits; Long Lake and Brandy Pond**

4 **1. Speed limit.** A person may not operate a watercraft on Long Lake or Brandy
5 Pond in Cumberland County in excess of 45 miles per hour between 1/2 hour before
6 sunrise and 1/2 hour after sunset or in excess of 25 miles per hour at any other time. This
7 subsection does not authorize a person to operate a watercraft in violation of any other
8 provision of law.

9 **2. Exception.** The speed limits established in subsection 1 do not apply to:

10 A. Law enforcement personnel or emergency personnel during law enforcement
11 operations or emergency operations to protect the safety and health of the public; and

12 B. Participants in activities permitted under section 13061.

13 **3. Penalty.** The following penalties apply to violations of subsection 1.

14 A. A person who violates subsection 1 commits a civil violation for which a fine of
15 not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

16 B. A person who violates subsection 1 after having been adjudicated as having
17 committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period
18 commits a Class E crime.

19 Revenue from violations adjudged under this section must be used for enforcement
20 operations by the Bureau of Warden Service.

21 **4. Repeal.** This section is repealed December 31, 2012.

22 **Sec. 2. Report on watercraft speed limits.** The Commissioner of Inland
23 Fisheries and Wildlife shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
24 having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters on the effectiveness and
25 feasibility of the watercraft speed limits on Long Lake and Brandy Pond in Cumberland
26 County no later than February 15, 2012. The joint standing committee may submit
27 legislation based on that report during the Second Regular Session of the 125th
28 Legislature.

29 **Sec. 3. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2010.

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This bill establishes speed limits for the operation of watercraft on Long Lake and
32 Brandy Pond in Cumberland County and provides that fine revenues from speeding
33 violations must be used for enforcement operations by the Department of Inland Fisheries
34 and Wildlife, Bureau of Warden Service. The speed limits are repealed December 31,
35 2012. This bill also requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report
36 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries

1 and wildlife matters on the effectiveness and feasibility of the speed limits by no later
2 than February 15, 2012.