

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2010

Legislative Document

No. 1548

H.P. 1090

House of Representatives, December 21, 2009

**An Act To Prevent the Spread of Invasive Plants and Protect
Maine's Lakes**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 17, 2009. Referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative EBERLE of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and
Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville,
Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, SAVIELLO of Wilton, STUCKEY of Portland,
WATSON of Bath, WELSH of Rockport.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12505, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

3 **3-A. Invasive aquatic plant infestation.** The commissioner may not issue a permit
4 under this section to conduct a bass tournament on a water body that has a confirmed
5 infestation of an invasive aquatic plant. For purposes of this subsection, "invasive aquatic
6 plant" has the same meaning as in Title 38, section 410-N, subsection 1, paragraph B.

7 **Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §419-C, sub-§1, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 627, §6, is
8 further amended to read:

9 C. After September 1, 2000, sell or offer for sale in this State any invasive aquatic
10 plant; ~~or~~

11 **Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §419-C, sub-§1, ¶D,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 627, §7, is
12 amended to read:

13 D. Fail to remove any aquatic plant or parts of any aquatic plant, including roots,
14 rhizomes, stems, leaves or seeds, from the outside of a vehicle, boat, personal
15 watercraft, boat trailer or other equipment on a public road; ~~or~~

16 **Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §419-C, sub-§1, ¶E** is enacted to read:

17 **E. Use a tank truck to withdraw or transport water from a water body that has a**
18 **confirmed infestation of an invasive aquatic plant if the withdrawn water is to be used**
19 **in a pool or pond or for irrigation.**

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill prohibits the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from issuing a
22 permit to a bass club to conduct a bass tournament on a water body that has a confirmed
23 infestation of an invasive aquatic plant. The bill also prohibits the use of a tank truck to
24 withdraw or transport water from a water body that has a confirmed infestation of an
25 invasive aquatic plant if the water is to be used in a pool or pond or for irrigation.