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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
126TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1198,
L.D. 1626, Bill, "An Act To Leverage Expert, State-based Resources for Emergent
Intervention and Long-term Comprehensive Resource Protection of Lakes"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in paragraph C by striking out all of the blocked
paragraph (page 1, lines 34 to 36 and page 2, lines 1 to 3 in amendment) and inserting the
following:

'The fees outlined in section 13056, subsection 8, paragraphs A and B for watercraft
operating on inland waters of the State each include a \$10 \$15 fee for invasive species
prevention and control. This Five dollars of the \$15 fee must be deposited in the
Eradication of Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund established in Title 38,
section 1866 and the remainder of the fee is disposed of as follows:'

Amend the amendment in section 5 in subsection 3 in the 10th to 12th lines (page 3,
lines 12 to 14 in amendment) by striking out the following: "must be credited to the
Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund established within the Department of
Environmental Protection under Title 38, section 1863" and inserting the following: 'must
be deposited in the Eradication of Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund
established in Title 38, section 1866'

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 6 the following:

'Sec. 7. 38 MRSA §1866 is enacted to read:

§1866. Eradication of Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund

The Eradication of Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund, referred to in
this section as "the fund," is created within the department as a nonlapsing fund. The
fund is funded from \$5 from each fee on certificates for watercraft operation on inland
waters and lake and river protection stickers for nonresident personal watercraft,
motorboats and seaplanes. Money in the fund may be used only for eradication of
invasive aquatic plant and nuisance species. Eradication does not include containing,
monitoring or inspecting invasive aquatic plant and nuisance species. The fund may be
used to provide grants to municipalities or other entities for eradication programs to
protect the inland waters of the State from invasive aquatic plant and nuisance species.'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 7 and inserting the following:

HOUSE AMENDMENT

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Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF
Eradication of Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund N176**

Initiative: Provides an allocation of \$246,650 in fiscal year 2014-15 for eradicating invasive aquatic plant and nuisance species. Eradicating does not include monitoring, inspecting or containing invasive aquatic plant and nuisance species.

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2013-14	2014-15
All Other	\$0	\$246,650
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$246,650

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Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment provides that the revenue generated from the fee increases must be deposited in a fund established in the amendment to provide grants to lake associations and municipalities only for purposes of eradicating invasive aquatic plant and nuisance species. Committee Amendment "A" directs this revenue to the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund.


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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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SPONSORED BY: 
(Representative ESPLING)
TOWN: New Gloucester



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LD 1626

LR 2468(06)

An Act To Leverage Expert, State-based Resources for Emergent Intervention and Long-term Comprehensive Resource Protection of Lakes

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Espling of New Gloucester

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The amendment establishes the Eradication of Invasive Species Fund to be used for eradicating invasive aquatic plants and nuisance species. The increased fees in the committee amendment will be placed in the new fund. The allocations and revenue in the committee amendment are now moved to the new fund.