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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 21, L.D. 22, Bill, "An Act To Require Removal of Mooring Equipment"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act Regarding the Removal of Moorings and Floating Docks in Great Ponds During Ice-in Conditions'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §3**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 660, Pt. A, §23, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

A harbor master, a code enforcement officer or, in the case of a great pond located in an unorganized territory, a board of county commissioners of the county in which the unorganized territory is located may direct the master or owner of a boat or vessel to remove that person's mooring or floating dock from a great pond if the harbor master, code enforcement officer or the board of county commissioners determines that leaving the mooring or floating dock in during ice-in conditions would create a public safety hazard. This section does not authorize a harbor master, code enforcement officer or board of county commissioners to direct the removal of a federally owned or state-owned mooring or floating dock.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill, which proposes to require the removal of mooring equipment protruding above the surface of great ponds by December 1st. This amendment authorizes a harbor master, a code enforcement officer or a board of county commissioners to direct the owner of a boat to remove that person's mooring or floating dock from a great pond if the harbor master, code enforcement officer or board of county commissioners determines that leaving the mooring or floating dock in during ice-in conditions would create a public safety hazard.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**