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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 263, L.D. 357, Bill, "An Act To Create a Penalty for the Discharge of Septic Waste from Watercraft into the Inland Waters"

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

'An Act To Increase Penalties for the Discharge of Sewage, Septic Fluids, Garbage, Sanitary Waste or Other Pollutants from Watercraft into Inland Waters'

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

'Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §423, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Penalty. Notwithstanding section 349, subsection 2, a person who is charged with a civil violation of this section is subject to a civil penalty, payable to the State, of not less than \$500 and not more than \$10,000 for each day of that violation.'

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the title, replaces the bill and increases the minimum penalty from not less than \$100 to not less than \$500 for the discharge of sewage, septic fluids, garbage or other pollutants from watercraft into inland waters or for operating on inland waters a watercraft that has a permanently installed sanitary waste disposal system if it does not have a holding tank to prevent the discharge of sanitary waste into inland waters.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 04/03/17 *MCC*

128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 357

LR 1468(02)

An Act To Create a Penalty for the Discharge of Septic Waste from Watercraft into the Inland Waters

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-59)

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.