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H.P. 265

House of Representatives, January 24, 2019

An Act To Prohibit Unattended Watercraft on Open Water

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FAY of Raymond.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, RISEMAN of Harrison, SKOLFIELD of Weld, Senator: LUCHINI of Hancock.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13068-A, sub-§17** is enacted to read:

3 **17. Unattended watercraft.** A person may not leave a watercraft unattended. A
4 watercraft is unattended if it is in open water and not in the immediate control of the
5 operator.

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

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill makes a person's leaving a watercraft unattended in open water a civil
10 violation.