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H.P. 1141

House of Representatives, April 16, 2019

**An Act To Allow Municipalities To Stock Ponds in Their Areas with
Fish**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MASON of Lisbon.
Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and
Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, FAY of Raymond, HAGGAN of Hampden,
LANDRY of Farmington, NADEAU of Winslow, ORDWAY of Standish, STEARNS of
Guilford, STETKIS of Canaan.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12764** is enacted to read:

3 **§12764. Municipal stocking of fish in inland waters within the municipality;**
4 **notification**

5 A municipality may stock an inland water within the municipality for the first time or
6 with a new species of fish, subject to the department's authority relating to culture and
7 research of appropriate fish species for that inland water. Prior to stocking an inland
8 water under this section, the municipality shall notify the Bureau of Resource
9 Management. The bureau shall review the stocking plan and, if the bureau determines the
10 species of fish to be stocked is an appropriate species for that inland water, follow the
11 public notice requirements under section 12758-A.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill allows a municipality to stock with fish an inland water of the municipality,
14 subject to a determination by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of
15 Resource Management that the species of fish is appropriate to be stocked in that inland
16 water and to the public notification requirements that apply when the bureau proposes to
17 stock an inland water with fish.