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L D 379
(Filing No H-240)

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 230, L D 379, "An Act to Responsibly Regulate Recreational Boats on Maine Lakes"

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

'Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Study the Effects of Wake Boats on Shoreline Property and the Environment'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following

'Sec. 1. Department to study effects of wake boats. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall establish a stakeholder group to review completed studies relating to wake boats and their effects on shoreline property and the environment. The stakeholder group shall pay special attention to issues relating to the types of boats used, the appropriate distance from the shoreline and depth of the body of water, enforcement mechanisms, including fines, and the definition used for "wake boat."

Sec. 2. Stakeholder group. Resolved: That the department shall invite participation in the stakeholder group from at least the following

- 1 A member of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from the Senate,
- 2 A member of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from the House of Representatives,
- 3 A member of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council,
- 4 A member representing the Department of Environmental Protection,
- 5 A member representing Maine Audubon,
- 6 A member representing the Lakes Environmental Association,
- 7 A member representing an association for Maine youth camps,
- 8 A member representing Maine Marine Trades Association,

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9 A member representing Maine lake associations, and
10 A member representing the water sports industry
The department may hold public meetings to gauge public support for any recommendations that are developed by the stakeholder group

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the department shall report the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group established under section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than February 1, 2024 The committee may report out a bill related to wake boats and their effects on shoreline property and the environment to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature '

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to review completed studies on the effects of wake boats on shoreline property and the environment The amendment also requires the department to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than February 1, 2024

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 379

LR 1338(03)

An Act to Responsibly Regulate Recreational Boats on Maine Lakes

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-240)
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to implement the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources