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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “*A*” to S P 538, L D 1319, “An Act to Exempt Certain Boat Operators from Having to Become Maine Guides”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12853, sub-§7, ¶D is enacted to read

D A person who has satisfactorily completed a boater safety education course under section 13063 and is certified in first aid under subsection 4, paragraph C may, without a guide license, operate a watercraft in the course of employment with a seasonal business engaged in recreational tow-sport activities if that seasonal business was engaged in recreational tow-sport activities during the 2022 season This paragraph is repealed January 15, 2024

Sec. 2. Review. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall establish a stakeholder group to examine the guide requirements for recreational sports

Sec. 3. Stakeholder group. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall ensure that the stakeholder group established under section 2 is as broadly representative of interested parties and groups as possible and shall invite participation from at least the following the Maine Professional Guides Association, the Maine Marine Trades Association and governmental and nongovernmental organizations related to recreational tow sports in this State

Sec. 4. Report. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall report the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group established under section 2 to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than January 15, 2024 The committee may report out a bill related to recreational guide requirements 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

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SUMMARY

This amendment allows a person to operate a watercraft in the course of employment with a seasonal business engaged in recreational tow-sport activities if that seasonal business was engaged in recreational tow-sport activities during the 2022 season. The amendment also directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a stakeholder group to examine the guide requirements for recreational sports. The amendment also directs the department to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 15, 2024 and authorizes the committee to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1319

LR 896(02)

An Act to Exempt Certain Boat Operators from Having to Become Maine Guides

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-215)
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