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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Regulating Boats for Hire on Inland Waters.**

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

**R. S., c. 33, § 56-B, additional.** Chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 56-B, to read as follows:

**'Sec. 56-B. Regulating boats for hire; exemption; penalty.** Any boat, except a canoe, maintained for hire upon any inland body of water to which the public has right of access shall be properly painted, repaired and fitted with oars. Any canoe maintained for hire upon any inland body of water to which the public has right of access shall be properly painted, repaired and fitted with paddles. The commissioner, through the warden service, shall have authority to determine if such boats and canoes meet the requirements of this section and shall fix the number of persons who may be lawfully transported in each boat or canoe at any 1 time. The owner of such boat or canoe shall cause figures indicating the capacity so established to be placed on the boat or canoe either in paint or metal and it shall be unlawful for any person to load such boat or canoe beyond the capacity established.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to duck skiffs, boats with

licensed guides and boats under the jurisdiction of the public utilities commission as set forth in chapter 45.

Whoever knowingly fails to comply with the direction of the commissioner or warden or violates any of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50, or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'