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Marine Resources to select activities and projects that will be most beneficial to the commercial fisheries of the State as well as the development of sports fisheries activities in the State; the remaining 80% of the balance of 2.00% after paying out such refunds shall be credited to the Boating Facilities Fund, established under Title 38, section 322, within the Maine State Bureau of Parks and Recreation. The State Tax Assessor shall certify to the State Controller, on or before the 15th day of each month, the amounts to be credited under the previous sentence, as of the close of the State Controller's records for the previous month. When refunds paid to purchasers and users of internal combustion engine fuel for commercial motorboats in any month exceed 2.00% of gasoline tax revenues for that month, such excess shall be carried forward in computing amounts to be credited to the Department of Marine Resources and to the Boating Facilities Fund under this section for the succeeding month or months. Funds credited to the Department of Marine Resources shall be allocated by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs. The Bureau of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Transportation shall devise and agree to a system for determining the percentage of the gasoline tax and special fuels tax that results from fuel purchases for boating uses and whether those uses are for pleasure or commerce and for salt or fresh water boating. The Bureau of Parks and Recreation shall assure that proper records are kept to provide input for this system. Beginning February 1, 1991, and every 3 years thereafter on February 1st, the Bureau of Parks and Recreation shall issue to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters a report based on an analysis of data according to this section. The Boating Facilities Fund shall be used to fund the costs of this activity.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §321, as amended by PL 1987, c. 674, §1, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The Director of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation shall conduct the periodic studies of the State's gasoline tax as specified in Title 36, section 2903-A. The director shall seek the advice of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Department of Marine Resources and the Department of Transportation relative to these studies and these departments shall cooperate in the design and conduct of these studies.

Sec. 3. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Boating Facilities Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1990-91
CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF	
Boating Facilities Fund	
All Other	\$30,000
Provides funds for contractual services to conduct a study for the purpose of establish-	

ing a system to determine the percentage of the gasoline tax that is attributable to boating usage.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 241

H.P. 728 - L.D. 1005

An Act to Prohibit Smoking in Hospitals

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

22 MRSA §1580-B is enacted to read:

§1580-B. Smoking in hospitals

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Hospital" means any hospital required to be licensed under chapter 405.

B. "Smoking" means carrying or having in one's possession a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or other object giving off or containing any substance giving off tobacco smoke.

2. Prohibition. Beginning November 16, 1989, no person may smoke tobacco or any other substance in any enclosed area of any hospital, except as otherwise provided in this section.

3. Exception. A patient or resident of a hospital may smoke in designated areas within the hospital if a licensed physician has written an order permitting the patient or resident to smoke.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 242

H.P. 782 - L.D. 1094

An Act Providing Conformity with the United States Internal Revenue Code Under the Maine Income Tax Law for 1988

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 90-day period would delay the processing of the 1988 income tax returns; and

Whereas, legislative action is immediately necessary in order to ensure continued and efficient administra-