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LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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- (1) That person is accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older who physically occupies the personal watercraft; or
- (2) While operating the personal watercraft, that person possesses on that person identification showing proof of age and proof of successful completion of a boater safety education course approved by a national association of state boating law administrators, including but not limited to courses offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or other organizations approved by the commissioner for providing boater safety education courses. The commissioner shall establish a list of approved organizations for providing boater safety education courses and make that list readily available to the public.
- B. The following penalties apply to violations of this subsection.
 - (1) A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 may be adjudged.
 - (2) A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime.
- Sec. 2. Safety education program. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Commissioner of Marine Resources shall work together and with other interested parties to study the feasibility of developing, implementing and funding a statewide boater safety education program. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Commissioner of Marine Resources shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters, respectively, by February 1, 2007, their findings and recommendations on the development and implementation of a boater education safety program.
- **Sec. 3. Effective date.** Section 1 takes effect January 1, 2007.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 537

S.P. 675 - L.D. 1758

An Act To Require the Maine State Retirement System To Divest Itself of Holdings in Those Businesses or Corporations Doing Business in the Nation of Sudan and To Repeal Requirements Relating to Shareholder Initiatives by State Officials on State Investments in Northern Ireland

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

- **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1955,** as amended by PL 1991, c. 537, is repealed.
 - Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1956 is enacted to read:

§1956. Sudan

- 1. Divestment. The Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System shall review the extent to which the assets of any state pension or annuity fund are invested in the stocks, securities or other obligations of any corporation or company, or any subsidiary, affiliate or parent of any corporation or company, doing business in or with the nation of Sudan or its instrumentalities. Except as provided in subsection 2, the board shall, in accordance with sound investment criteria and consistent with the board's fiduciary obligations, divest any such holdings and may not invest any assets in any such stocks, securities or other obligations. Divestment pursuant to this subsection must be complete by January 1, 2008.
- **2. Exemption.** Short-term investment funds that commingle commercial paper or futures and other commingled investment or index funds are exempt from the restrictions imposed by this section.
- 3. Report. The Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters by January 1, 2007 and each January 1st thereafter regarding the progress of divestment and the implementation of this section.
 - **4. Repeal.** This section is repealed July 1, 2009.

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