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**CHAPTER 33
H.P. 230 - L.D. 379**

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

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;
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.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 34
S.P. 201 - L.D. 446**

**Resolve, to Update Allowable
Limits on Mortuary Trusts for
the Purposes of MaineCare
Eligibility**

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to increase limit of prepaid burial contracts considered unavailable for use as an asset for purposes of MaineCare eligibility. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rule Chapter 332: MaineCare Eligibility Manual, Part 16 to increase the amount of a prepaid burial contract from \$12,000 to \$18,000 that is considered unavailable for use as an asset in determining eligibility for MaineCare and further provide that the amount of a prepaid burial contract considered unavailable for use as an asset in determining eligibility for MaineCare must be increased on January 1, 2025, and every year thereafter, by the same percentage as the percentage increase of the Consumer Price Index for the preceding year. For purposes of this section, "Consumer Price Index" has the same meaning as in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 17001, subsection 9.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 35
H.P. 430 - L.D. 661**

**Resolve, Naming a Pond in Elm
Stream Township as Plummer
Pond**

Sec. 1. Plummer Pond. Resolved: That the pond located in Elm Stream Township and having Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Maine Information Display and Analysis System identification number 9772 is named Plummer Pond.

See title page for effective date.