

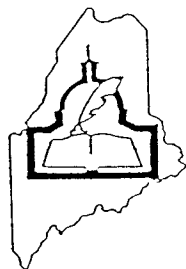
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All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP
OTP-ND
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ONTP
LVWD
INDEF PP

Ought to Pass
Ought to Pass in New Draft
Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
Ought to Pass as Amended
Ought Not to Pass
Leave to Withdraw
Indefinitely Postponed

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COMMITTEE REPORT**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-1118 CLARK H

H-1119 JACQUES

S-695 CLARK N

S-699 CLARK N

SUMMARY

This bill, as amended (H-1118, H-1119, S-695, and S-699), accomplishes the following:

1. It eliminates a reference to the 1983-1984 license fee and deletes a redundant rafting report.
2. It changes the recipient of the annual report of the Whitewater Safety Committee from the Whitewater Advisory Council to the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to set the whitewater rafting safety restrictions.
3. It reallocates current law dealing with rapidly flowing rivers to a separate section in the whitewater rafting laws.
4. It requires that timely submission of reports and payment of fees be factors considered in granting allocations.
5. It amends the provisions of current law concerning transfers of allocations and licenses in regard to the sale of a whitewater rafting business.
6. It limits allocated days to all Saturdays on the Kennebec and to all Saturdays and Sundays on the Penobscot from June 8th to August 31st. The department may provide for allocations on other days if necessary.
7. It authorizes the department to set an 800 commercial passenger limit on Sundays on the Kennebec if sufficient water is released to warrant a limit.
8. It requires that the annual report on the Whitewater Rafting Fund contain data on the last, current and next fiscal years.
9. It requires liability insurance for whitewater rafters.

This bill was not referred to committee.