

# **129th MAINE LEGISLATURE**

## **FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2019**

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H.P. 980	House of Representatives, March 21, 2019

### An Act To Further the Public Interest in All Maine Waters

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach. Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COLLINGS of Portland, KESSLER of South Portland, MEYER of Eliot, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TIPPING of Orono, Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CHENETTE of York.

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

2 Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §3-A is enacted to read:

#### 3 **§3-A. All waters**

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The State, having the authority and responsibility to provide careful stewardship over
all the waters within the State's boundaries, shall protect, conserve and manage all waters,
whether located above or below ground, in the interest of present and future generations.

#### **SUMMARY**

8 This bill explicitly states the State's authority and responsibility over all waters in the 9 State, whether above or below ground, and directs the State to protect, conserve and 10 manage the water in the interest of present and future generations.