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An Act To Require Removal of Mooring Equipment

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13074 is enacted to read:

§ 13074. Winter removal of mooring equipment from great ponds

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

A. "Great pond" has the same meaning as in Title 38, section 480-B, subsection 5.

B. "Mooring equipment" means equipment and related gear for holding fast a watercraft and includes, but is not limited to, anchors, chains, lines, floating docks and buoys.

2. Removal required. Before December 1st of each year, a person who has established a mooring on a great pond shall remove all mooring equipment protruding above the surface of the great pond and may not reinstall the equipment until the following spring.

3. Penalty. The following penalties apply to violations of this section.

A. A person who violates subsection 2 commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

B. A person who violates subsection 2 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.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the removal of mooring equipment protruding above the surface of great ponds on or before December 1st of each year and establishes penalties.