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House of Representatives, February 7, 2019

An Act To Modify Maine's Ice Fishing Laws with Respect to Cusk Fishing

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative GRIGNON of Athens. Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MASON of Lisbon, ORDWAY of Standish, PICKETT of Dixfield, STETKIS of Canaan, WADSWORTH of Hiram, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12659-A, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2009, c. 214, §10, is further amended to read:
4 5	4. Checking cusk lines. A person fishing through the ice for cusk in the nighttime shall visit at least once every hour <u>24 hours</u> all lines set by that person for cusk.
6 7	A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.
8 9 10	B. 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.
11	SUMMARY
12 13	This bill changes how often a person is required to check cusk lines while ice fishing from at least once every hour in the nighttime to at least once every 24 hours.