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An Act to Allow a Municipality or Locally Recognized Lake Association to Post Certain Information on the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Information Kiosks Located at State Boat Launch Facilities

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative BRIDGEO of Augusta. Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, DUCHARME of Madison, ROBERTS of South Berwick, SWALLOW of Houlton, TERRY of Gorham, THORNE of Carmel.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12708, as amended by PL 2021, c. 184, §§10 to 12, is further
3	amended by amending the section headnote to read:
4	§12708. Wildlife management areas and public access sites <u>; boat launch</u>
5	<u>informational kiosks</u>
6	Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12708, sub-§3 is enacted to read:
7	3. Boat launch informational kiosks. The department shall provide reasonable space
8	on the department's informational kiosks located at state boat launch facilities to
9	municipalities and local lake associations and similar nonprofit organizations recognized
10	by the department or the municipalities in which the facilities are located. The department
11	shall also disseminate to the general public information about these associations and
12	organizations and program activities promoting healthy lake water quality and reducing the
13	risk of introduction of invasive aquatic species. For the purposes of this subsection,
14	"reasonable space" means an area of at least 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches.
15	SUMMARY
16	This bill requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to provide reasonable
17	space to display information on the department's informational kiosks located at state boat
18	launch facilities to municipalities and local lake associations and similar nonprofit
19	organizations and disseminate to the general public information about these associations
20	and organizations and water quality and invasive species activities.