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**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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132ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 106, L.D. 173, “An Act to Exempt Certain Watercraft from Registration Requirements”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Fees for Operating Watercraft'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10206, sub-§3, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 612, §1, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

Prior to January 1, 2020, the fees outlined in section 13056, subsection 8, paragraphs A and B for watercraft operating on inland waters of the State each include a \$10 fee for invasive species prevention and control. Beginning January 1, 2020, the fees outlined in section 13056, subsection 8, paragraphs A and B for watercraft operating on inland waters of the State each include a \$15 fee for invasive species prevention and control. Beginning January 1, 2025, the fees outlined in section 13056, subsection 8, paragraphs A and B for watercraft operating on inland waters of the State each include a \$25 fee for invasive species prevention and control. Beginning January 1, 2026, the fees outlined in section 13056, subsection 8, paragraph A, subparagraph (1-A) for watercraft operating on inland waters of the State each include a \$10 fee for invasive species prevention and control. Beginning January 1, 2028, except as provided in section 13056, subsection 8, paragraph A, subparagraph (1-A), the fees outlined in section 13056, subsection 8, paragraphs A and B for watercraft operating on inland waters of the State each include a \$35 fee for invasive species prevention and control. This fee is disposed of as follows:

- (1) Prior to January 1, 2025, 80% must be credited to the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund. Beginning January 1, 2025, 70% must be credited to the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund; and

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 (2) Prior to January 1, 2025, 20% must be credited to the Lake and River Protection  
 2 Fund established within the department under section 10257. Beginning January  
 3 1, 2025, 30% must be credited to the Lake and River Protection Fund.

4 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §13056, sub-§8, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 612, §2, is  
 5 further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

6 (1) Ten horsepower or less, prior to January 1, 2020 the fee is \$25 for operating  
 7 on inland waters of the State and \$15 for operating only on tidal waters of the State.  
 8 Beginning January 1, 2020, the fee under this subparagraph is \$30 for operating on  
 9 inland waters of the State and \$15 for operating only on tidal waters of the State.  
 10 Beginning January 1, 2025 and until December 31, 2025, the fee under this  
 11 subparagraph is \$40 for operating on inland waters of the State and \$15 for  
 12 operating only on tidal waters of the State. Beginning January 1, 2028, the fee  
 13 under this subparagraph is \$50 for operating on inland waters of the State and \$15  
 14 for operating only on tidal waters of the State;

15 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §13056, sub-§8, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 612, §2, is  
 16 further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (1-A) to read:

17 (1-A) Five horsepower or less, beginning January 1, 2026, the fee is \$20 for  
 18 operating on inland waters of the State and \$10 for operating only on tidal waters  
 19 of the State;

20 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §13056, sub-§8, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 612, §2, is  
 21 further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (1-B) to read:

22 (1-B) Greater than 5 horsepower but not more than 10 horsepower, beginning  
 23 January 1, 2026, the fee is \$40 for operating on inland waters of the State and \$15  
 24 for operating only on tidal waters of the State. Beginning January 1, 2028, the fee  
 25 under this subparagraph is \$50 for operating on inland waters of the State and \$15  
 26 for operating only on tidal waters of the State;

27 **Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
 28 allocations are made.

29 **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF**  
 30 **Water Quality 0248**

31 Initiative: Reduces allocation due to revenue reduction.

32 <b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
33 All Other	(\$166,780)	(\$166,780)
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35 <b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$166,780)</u>	<u>(\$166,780)</u>

37 <b>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,</b>		
38 <b>DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
39 <b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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41 <b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<u>(\$166,780)</u>	<u>(\$166,780)</u>
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