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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 526, L.D. 1296, “An Act to Amend the Law Governing Watercraft Franchisor Warranty Reimbursements”

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, approximately 80% of watercraft sold in Maine are equipped with an outboard motor; and

Whereas, the outboard motor manufacturer industry has recently been consolidated to primarily 2 companies that share the market; and

Whereas, warranty repairs currently performed on watercraft are reimbursed with a flat rate for the labor performed based upon a manufacturer's estimate of the repair duration, which is not fitting for the marine industry; and

Whereas, the upcoming summer months generally correlate with an increase in watercraft warranty repairs; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill.