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

‘**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1882-A** is enacted to read:

§ 1882-A. Number in user group

Beginning with the 2014 season, a group of more than 12 persons of any age, including trip leaders and guides, may not camp overnight at waterway campsites. Groups of up to 18 persons of any age may travel on the watercourse for day use, but may not camp overnight at waterway campsites, except that school groups that notify the division at least 14 days in advance may be allowed to travel on the watercourse and camp overnight at waterway campsites under the direction of the superintendent of the waterway or the superintendent's designee. A school group consisting of more than 18 persons of any age, including trip leaders and guides, must separate into self-contained groups of 18 or fewer persons and these groups must travel out of sight of each other or at least one-half mile apart and may not share equipment or campsites.

Beginning with the 2014 season, groups of up to 24 persons of any age may access the waterway by snowmobile but only at those locations established in the division's rules at which access is specifically allowed.’

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report. The amendment strikes and replaces the bill. Current rules of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Parks and Public Lands limit to 12 the number of members in a group that may travel on the Allagash watercourse or camp at Allagash Wilderness Waterway campsites. This amendment proposes to retain that rule except for groups of up to 18 persons who limit their use of the watercourse to day use and who do not camp overnight. It also makes exceptions for school groups that notify the division at least 2 weeks in advance and travel on the watercourse and camp at waterway campsites under the direction of the waterway's superintendent or the superintendent's designee. The amendment also proposes to allow groups of up to 24 persons to access the waterway by snowmobile at locations that are currently allowed by rule.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)