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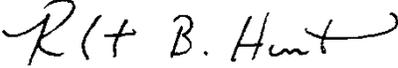
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H.P. 21

House of Representatives, January 13, 2015

An Act To Require Removal of Mooring Equipment

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


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SHAW of Standish.
Cosponsored by Senator GERZOFSKY of Cumberland and
Representative: ESPLING of New Gloucester.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13074** is enacted to read:

3 **§13074. Winter removal of mooring equipment from great ponds**

4 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the
5 following terms have the following meanings.

6 A. "Great pond" has the same meaning as in Title 38, section 480-B, subsection 5.

7 B. "Mooring equipment" means equipment and related gear for holding fast a
8 watercraft and includes, but is not limited to, anchors, chains, lines, floating docks
9 and buoys.

10 **2. Removal required.** Before December 1st of each year, a person who has
11 established a mooring on a great pond shall remove all mooring equipment protruding
12 above the surface of the great pond and may not reinstall the equipment until the
13 following spring.

14 **3. Penalty.** The following penalties apply to violations of this section.

15 A. A person who violates subsection 2 commits a civil violation for which a fine of
16 not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

17 B. A person who violates subsection 2 after having been adjudicated as having
18 committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period
19 commits a Class E crime.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill requires the removal of mooring equipment protruding above the surface of
22 great ponds on or before December 1st of each year and establishes penalties.