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An Act to Increase the Maximum Permissible Size of Recreational Campfires

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Presented by Representative JACKSON of Oxford. Cosponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin and Representatives: COOPER of Windham, CRAY of Palmyra, DILL of Old Town, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HALL of Wilton, PLUECKER of Warren.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §9324, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 56, §4, is amended to read:
4 5 6	9. Recreational campfires. A person who kindles or uses a recreational campfire, other than a licensed camping facility, may not allow the recreational campfire to exceed $\frac{3}{\text{feet}}$ $\frac{42 \text{ inches}}{42 \text{ inches}}$ in diameter on the ground at the base of the fire or 3 feet in height.
7 8	Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §9325, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by PL 2023, c. 56, §6, is further amended to read:
9 10 11	A. A recreational campfire kindled when the ground is covered by snow or on a frozen body of water, as long as the recreational campfire does not exceed $\frac{3 \text{ feet } 42 \text{ inches}}{42 \text{ inches}}$ in diameter on the ground at the base of the fire and does not exceed 3 feet in height;
12	SUMMARY
13 14	This bill increases the maximum permissible size of a recreational campfire from 3 feet in diameter to 42 inches in diameter.