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An Act To Protect Water Quality by Prohibiting Consumer Fireworks in the Shoreland Zone

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FAY of Raymond.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, FECTEAU of Biddeford, KESCHL of Belgrade, MORIARTY of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §223-A, sub-§8, ¶C** is enacted to read:

3 C. Consumer fireworks may not be used within the shoreland zone, except during:

4 (1) The calendar week that includes July 4th;

5 (2) New Year's Eve and until 12:30 a.m. on New Year's Day;

6 (3) Labor Day; and

7 (4) Memorial Day.

8 This paragraph does not apply to a permitted fireworks display under section 227-A.

9 As used in this paragraph, "shoreland zone" has the same meaning as "shoreland
10 areas" under Title 38, section 435; terms used to describe "shoreland areas" under
11 Title 38, section 435 have the same meanings as under Title 38, section 436-A.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill bans the use of consumer fireworks in the shoreland zone except during the
14 calendar week that includes July 4th and on New Year's Eve, Labor Day and Memorial
15 Day. It exempts from this prohibition fireworks displays that have a permit issued by the
16 Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee.