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In Senate, February 7, 2013

### **An Act To Provide Increased Opportunities on the Allagash Wilderness Waterway**

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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Senators: PATRICK of Oxford, SHERMAN of Aroostook, Representatives:  
CRAY of Palmyra, JONES of Freedom, MAREAN of Hollis, SAUCIER of Presque Isle.

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

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

3 **§1882-A. Number in user group**

4 Beginning with the 2014 camping season, a group of more than 24 persons of any  
5 age, including trip leaders and guides, may not travel on the watercourse or camp at  
6 waterway campsites. A group that exceeds this limit and intends to use the watercourse  
7 or campsites must separate into self-contained groups of 24 or fewer persons, and these  
8 groups must travel out of sight of each other or at least one-half mile apart and may not  
9 share equipment or campsites. The division may allow a group of more than 24 persons  
10 if the division determines that the activities of the group will not be detrimental to the use  
11 and operation of the watercourse and campsites.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 Current rules of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division  
14 of Parks and Public Lands limit to 12 the number of members in a group that may travel  
15 on the Allagash watercourse or camp at Allagash Wilderness Waterway campsites. This  
16 bill increases the permissible size of a group to 24, beginning with the 2014 camping  
17 season. It also requires larger groups to separate into self-contained groups of 24 or  
18 fewer. The bill also gives the division the authority to permit groups composed of more  
19 than 24 persons.