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An Act To Allow Boards and Associations of Lakes and Ponds To Stock Fish

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative CRAFTS of Lisbon and
Senators: COLLINS of York, FLOOD of Kennebec, HAMPER of Oxford, WHITTEMORE of
Somerset, Representatives: SHAW of Standish, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, WILLETTE of
Mapleton.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12758-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§12758-B. Fish stocking by a lake association**

4 This section governs the stocking of ponds with fish by lake associations as defined
5 by Title 14, section 159-C, subsection 1, paragraph B.

6 **1. Authority to stock fish.** A lake association may stock a pond subject to the
7 association's activities with fish as long as the lake association:

8 A. Purchases the fish to be used for stocking from the department or a hatchery
9 approved by the department;

10 B. Pays all costs incurred by the department for activities related to stocking by the
11 lake association; and

12 C. Provides to the public, residents and nonresidents, year-round watercraft access to
13 the pond.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill authorizes a lake association to stock a pond subject to the association's
16 activities with fish when the association purchases the fish to be stocked from the
17 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the association provides the public with
18 boat access to the pond being stocked by the association. It also requires the association
19 to pay any costs incurred by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife associated
20 with the association's stocking activity.