

STATE OF MAINE

—  
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN

—  
H.P. 205 - L.D. 252

**An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Aquatic Nuisance Species**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13001, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

**6. Aquatic plant.** "Aquatic plant" means a ~~vascular~~ plant species that requires a permanently flooded freshwater habitat.

**Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §410-N, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 722, §1, is amended to read:

A. "Aquatic plant" means a ~~vascular~~ plant species that requires a permanently flooded freshwater habitat.

**Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §1871, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 434, Pt. B, §2, is amended to read:

**2. Terms.** Members appointed by the Governor serve 4-year terms, except that, as determined by the Governor, of the initial appointments, 4 must be for 3 years, including the public member, and 4 must be for 2 years. Members serve until their successors are appointed. A vacancy must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term. If after 6 months of a vacancy on the task force in a position listed in subsection 1, paragraph B the Governor cannot fill that vacancy, the Governor may appoint a member who does not meet the qualifications of subsection 1, paragraph B, but who has demonstrated experience or interest in the area of threats to fish and wildlife posed by invasive aquatic plants and nuisance species.

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In House of Representatives, ..... 2011

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... Speaker

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In Senate, ..... 2011

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... President

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Approved ..... 2011

..... Governor