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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 843, L.D. 1225, Bill, “An Act To Limit the Use of Ropes and Buoys in Swim Areas in Great Ponds”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Concerning Swim Area Permits'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1896, as amended by PL 2001, c. 693, §3 and affected by §11 and amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §7 and PL 2013, c. 405, Pt. A, §24, is further amended to read:

§1896. Boating Facilities Fund

There is created within the bureau the Boating Facilities Fund, referred to in this subchapter as the "fund." The fund, as funded under Title 36, section 2903-D, subsection 1, must be available to the director in carrying out the duties of the bureau under this subchapter. This fund is a continuous carrying account. The fund also receives fees collected under subchapter 10 and is available to the director in carrying out the duties specified under subchapter 10.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §1900, sub-§§3 to 5, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 312, §1, are amended to read:

3. Swim area prohibition. A person may not establish or maintain a swim line or a developed swim area without a permit issued under subsection 4.

~~A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500 may be adjudged. Each day a person violates this subsection is a separate violation.~~

~~B. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this subchapter within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime.~~

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1 purposes other than to provide recreational swimming opportunities for the public, the
2 director may revoke the permit.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)