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HOUSE AMENDMENT " " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1198, L.D. 1626, Bill, "An Act To Leverage Expert, State-based Resources for Emergent Intervention and Long-term Comprehensive Resource Protection of Lakes"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in paragraph C by striking out all of the blocked paragraph (page 1, lines 34 to 36 and page 2, lines 1 to 3 in amendment) and inserting the following:

The fees outlined in section 13056, subsection 8, paragraphs A and B for watercraft operating on inland waters of the State each include a \$10 \$15 fee for invasive species prevention and control. This Five dollars of the \$15 fee must be deposited in the Eradication of Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund established in Title 38, section 1866 and the remainder of the fee is disposed of as follows:

Amend the amendment in section 5 in subsection 3 in the 10th to 12th lines (page 3, lines 12 to 14 in amendment) by striking out the following: "must be credited to the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund established within the Department of Environmental Protection under Title 38, section 1863" and inserting the following: 'must be deposited in the Eradication of Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund established in Title 38, section 1866'

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 6 the following:

Sec. 7. 38 MRSA §1866 is enacted to read:

§1866. Eradication of Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund

The Eradication of Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is created within the department as a nonlapsing fund. The fund is funded from \$5 from each fee on certificates for watercraft operation on inland waters and lake and river protection stickers for nonresident personal watercraft, motorboats and seaplanes. Money in the fund may be used only for eradication of invasive aquatic plant and nuisance species. Eradication does not include containing, monitoring or inspecting invasive aquatic plant and nuisance species. The fund may be used to provide grants to municipalities or other entities for eradication programs to protect the inland waters of the State from invasive aquatic plant and nuisance species.'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 7 and inserting the following:

