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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 204, L.D. 514, Bill, “An Act To Allow Boards and Associations of Lakes and Ponds To Stock Fish”

Amend the bill in section 1 in §12758-B by striking out all of subsection 1 (page 1, lines 6 to 13 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

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

- A. Receives approval from the department for the fish being stocked;
- B. Purchases the fish to be used for stocking from a hatchery approved by the department; and
- C. Pays all costs incurred by the department for activities related to stocking by the lake association;'

SUMMARY

This amendment adds a stipulation that a lake association's authority to stock with fish a pond subject to the association's activities also requires the association to receive prior approval of the fish being stocked from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. This amendment removes the requirement that the association provide the public with year-round boat access to the pond being stocked by the association.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)