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SB 594-FN - FINAL VERSION

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SENATE BILL ***594-FN***

AN ACT eliminating the use of agitators in instances where temporary docks have been removed from bodies of water.

SPONSORS: Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Rep. Lynn, Rock. 17; Rep. L. Walsh, Rock. 15; Rep. Kuttub, Rock. 17

COMMITTEE: Energy and Natural Resources

ANALYSIS

This bill eliminates the use of certain agitators in instances where temporary docks have been removed from bodies of water.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 127:1 Navigation; Harbors; Coast Survey; Use of Aqua-Therm; Heating, Agitating, or Other Devices
2 in Public Waters; Safety Hazard. Amend RSA 270:33 to read as follows:

3 270:33 Heating, Agitating, or Other Devices in Public Waters; Safety Hazard. No person shall put,
4 place, operate, or cause to be put, placed, or operated in the waters of this state any so-called heating,
5 agitating, or other device which inhibits or prevents the natural freezing of water, or forming of ice, and
6 thereby impedes either the ingress or egress to or from the ice from any property other than that of the
7 owner of the device. ***No person shall place or operate any aforementioned device except as necessary to***
8 ***protect legally existing permanent structures located adjacent to their shoreline from ice damage.*** [The]
9 ***Any*** person or persons responsible for the placement of [the] ***a device protecting structures by impeding***
10 ***ice formation*** shall ensure that warning signs are posted to warn of its location. Said signs shall read
11 DANGER, THIN ICE and shall be of sufficient size to be readable at a distance of not less than [150] ***200***
12 feet, and shall be visible from all directions and shall be equipped with reflectors and color-coded in a
13 pattern unique for this purpose only. The department of safety is hereby authorized to establish said
14 unique design and coloring and any homemade copies shall follow this design and coloring. The
15 provisions of this section shall be enforced by any law enforcement agency under the direction of the
16 department of safety pursuant to RSA 106-A:14 and the department of fish and game pursuant to RSA
17 206:26.

18 127:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 05, 2026
Effective Date: August 04, 2026

