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### An Act To Restrict Swim Areas

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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative SHAW of Standish.  
Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and  
Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, CRAFTS of Lisbon, DUCHESNE of Hudson, McCABE  
of Skowhegan, SHORT of Pittsfield, STANLEY of Medway, TIMBERLAKE of Turner,  
WOOD of Sabattus.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1900, sub-§1, ¶B-1** is enacted to read:

3 B-1. "Entire length of the shore frontage" means the horizontal distance measured in  
4 a straight line between the 2 points at which the property lines of a property intersect  
5 with a shoreline.

6 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §1900, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 312, §1, is amended  
7 to read:

8 **4. Issuance of permit.** The director may issue a permit only to a qualified entity to  
9 establish and maintain a developed swim area or a swim line within the water safety zone  
10 designed to provide recreational swimming opportunities for the public.

11 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §1900, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

12 **8. Length of swim area.** The director may not issue a permit under subsection 4 for  
13 a swim line or a developed swim area unless the length of the developed swim area or of  
14 the area delineated by a swim line is equal to or less than 50% of the entire length of the  
15 shore frontage of the property from which the developed swim area or the area delineated  
16 by a swim line extends or 200 feet, whichever is greater. The length of a developed swim  
17 area or of an area delineated by a swim line is measured parallel to the shore.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill provides that the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the  
20 Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may not issue a permit for a swim  
21 area the length of which, measured parallel to the shore, is more than 50% of the length  
22 of the shore frontage of the property from which the swim area extends or 200 feet,  
23 whichever is greater.