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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-249) 109TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "H" to H.P. 663, L.D. 838, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Statutes Relating to Airmobiles."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the first paragraph of section 8 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §2073, sub-§§9, 10 and 11 are enacted to read:' Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end before the tement of fact the following:

'll. Operation of airmobiles.

A. Prior to the effective date of this Act, the commissioner shall promulgate regulations restricting the operation of airmobiles in areas where their use may be harmful. These regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, after public hearings in the areas affected.

B. These regulations shall, as a minimum, condition the use of airmobiles in fish and wildlife preserves, conservation areas, coastal and inland wetlands and great ponds.

C. The commissioner shall prohibit airmobile use wherever it adversely affects fish and wildlife habitat, interferes with the operation of other watercraft, threaten public safety or adversely affects the natural environment.'

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Statement of Fact

This amendment requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules governing the use of airmobiles.

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