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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-853) 109TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" A" to H.P. 1829, L.D. 1933, Bill, "AN ACT to Promote Hunting, Fishing and Camping in Maine."

Amend the bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause the following.

'Sec. 1.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of the first sentence of subsection 8 and inserting in its place the following:

'The commissioner may implement a program designed to promote fisheries and wildlife resources and attract hunters and fishermen to the State.'

Further amend the bill by adding at the end before the statement of fact the following:

'Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7074, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is amended to read:

B. The protection, propagation, preservation, promotion and investigation of fish and wildlife;'

Statement of Fact

This amendment does 3 things. First, it makes the authority for promotion by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife permissive, rather than mandatory. Second, it deletes campers and other tourists from those the department will try to attract to the State, so their efforts won't duplicate other promotional

efforts. Finally, it clarifies the department's authority to use dedicated revenues for this promotion effort.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House 3/7/80 (Filing No. H-853)