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Majority

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
127TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 899, L.D. 1321, Bill, "An Act To Expand the Landowner Relations Program at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 4-B in the 2nd line (page 1, line 40 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "along roads and"

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 4-B in the last paragraph in the last line (page 2, line 13 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "program." the following: "Money accepted by the commissioner under this subsection must be deposited in the Landowner Relations Fund established in section 10265."

Amend the bill by inserting after section 9 the following:

'Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §10265, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 576, §5, is amended to read:

**§10265. Landowner Relations Fund**

The Landowner Relations Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within the department as a nonlapsing fund to be used by the commissioner to fund or assist in funding the landowner relations program established pursuant to section 10108, subsection 4-A and the Keep Maine Clean program established in section 10108, subsection 4-B. All funds from fees collected under section 10108, subsection 3 and subsection 4-A, paragraph C and money accepted by the commissioner pursuant to section 10108, subsection 4-B. must be deposited in the fund. The fund receives any other funds appropriated or allocated to the fund. The commissioner may accept and deposit into the fund monetary gifts, donations or other contributions from public or private sources for the purposes specified in this section. The fund must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

The bill amends the landowner relations program within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by adding to the program the requirement that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife establish an ongoing relationship with various outdoor user groups. This amendment removes that requirement.

The amendment also amends the Keep Maine Clean program established in the bill to remove the requirement that volunteers be recruited to pick up trash along roadways.

The amendment provides that any money received by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for the Keep Maine Clean program must be deposited in the Landowner Relations Fund.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**

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Approved: 06/04/15 *mac*



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1321

LR 784(02)

An Act To Expand the Landowner Relations Program at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund  
Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds  
Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW) to establish a Keep Maine Clean program that recruits volunteers to pick up trash. Costs to run this program are expected to be minor and the Landowner Relations Fund within IFW will fund this program and has sufficient funds to absorb these costs. This bill also allows IFW to accept donations to this new program and directs these donations to the Landowner Relations Fund. Any expected revenue from donations are expected to be minor. This bill also changes the composition of the Landowners and Sportsmen Relations Advisory Board, has the IFW commissioner, rather than the Governor, fill vacancies and requires the board to issue an annual report. Any additional costs to IFW to make these changes are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.