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House of Representatives, January 8, 2025

**An Act to Allow Use of the Fish Hatchery Maintenance Fund to  
Compensate Hatchery Staff When Certain Operational Needs  
Require Overtime**

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Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Received by the Clerk of the House on January 6, 2025. Referred to the Committee on  
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint  
Rule 401.

*Robert B. Hunt*

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative THORNE of Carmel.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10252**, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and amended by c.  
3 655, Pt. B, §51 and affected by §422, is further amended to read:

4 **§10252. Fish hatchery maintenance fund**

5 The fish hatchery maintenance fund, referred to in this section as "the "fund," is  
6 established in the department as a nonlapsing fund to be used by the commissioner to fund  
7 or assist in funding engineering designs for the Embden Hatchery; a statewide assessment  
8 of all other hatchery facilities ~~and~~; maintenance, repair and capital improvements at fish  
9 hatcheries and feeding stations owned by the State; and overtime personnel services costs  
10 when overtime for fish stocking and other hatchery-related work is operationally required.  
11 The fund may not be used to fund ~~personnel services costs or~~ the general operating costs  
12 of a fish hatchery or to fund personnel services costs other than those allowed pursuant to  
13 this section. The commissioner may accept and deposit into the fund any monetary gifts,  
14 donations or other contributions from public or private sources and must use that money  
15 for the purposes specified in this section.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill expands the use of the fish hatchery maintenance fund to allow the funding of  
18 overtime personnel services costs when overtime for fish stocking and other hatchery-  
19 related work is operationally required.