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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1884

H. P. 1602

House of Representatives, May 19, 1975

Reported by the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Senate Paper 313.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mills of Eastport.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE**

AN ACT to Make Allocations from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1976 and June 30, 1977.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the said 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game will become due and payable on or immediately after July 1, 1975; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Allocation of Inland Fisheries and Game funds. In order to provide for the expenditures necessary for the operation of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game for the next 2 fiscal years—from July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976 and from July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977—the following sums or as much thereof as shall severally be found necessary, as designated in the following tabulation, are hereby allocated out of any moneys lawfully available to the department. Upon receipt of allotments duly approved by the Governor and Council based upon work programs submitted to the State Budget Officer, the State Controller shall authorize expenditures of these allocations on the basis of such allotments and not otherwise.

	1975-76	1976-77
09000 DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME		
I Current Services		
0266 Fish & Game—Watercraft Registration & Safety Positions Unallocated	(10) \$ 178,592	(10) \$ 228,903
0256 Fish & Game—Central Administrative Services Positions Unallocated	(47) 6,104,070	(47) 6,052,518
0267 Fish & Game—Snowmobile Registration Positions Unallocated	(15) 336,521	(15) 341,139
II NATURAL RESOURCES		
0264 Fish & Game—Warden Services Positions	(146)	(146)
0365 Fish & Game—Biological Services Positions Unallocated	(127) 620,000	(124) 620,000
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FISH AND GAME —		
Total Current Services	\$7,239,183	\$7,242,560

Amounting to \$7,239,183 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976 and \$7,242,560 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977.

Sec. 2. Reduction of revenue. In the event that actual revenue fails to equal estimates during either year of the biennium, the commissioner shall so report to the Governor and Council and they may temporarily curtail allotments so that expenditures will not exceed the anticipated income.

Sec. 3. Revenue in excess of estimates. Actual revenue, in excess of that estimated and approved by the Legislature, received in either year of the biennium, may be utilized by the department for current programs when recommended by the commissioner and the allotment of such funds is approved by the Governor and Council.

Sec. 4. Unencumbered allocated balances. At the end of each year of the biennium, all unencumbered allocated balances, including existing balances, representing Inland Fisheries and Game moneys shall be set aside in a separate account and may be used for other current programs when recommended

by the commissioner and the allotment of such funds is approved by the Governor and Council.

Sec. 5. New programs established by the 107th Legislature. In the event that legislation concerning the department is enacted by the 107th Legislature which requires an expenditure in addition to that now shown in section 1, the department is authorized to carry out the intent of such legislation through the use of such funds as are available. The same procedure as to the allotment of such funds shall be followed as that outlined in sections 1 and 2.

Sec. 6. Additional federal funds. Federal funds received in excess of those shown in section 1 may be utilized by the department when properly allotted through the same procedure as outlined in sections 1 and 2.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.