

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 108TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT"A"to H.P. 527, L.D. 657, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Statutes Relating to Airmobiles."

Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:

'Resolve, to Permit Limited Testing of Airmobiles under the Supervision of the Department of Marine Resources.'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting in its place the following: supervise

'Department of Marine Resources to / limited testing of airmobiles. Resolved: That the Department of Marine Resources shall designate an area of coastal land and waters wherein airmobiles can be used on an experimental basis. The Commissioner of Marine Resources shall promulgate and adopt rules and regulations for the safe operation of these vehicles, the protection of the natural environment of the land, waters and wildlife in the area designated and a system of granting permits to no more than 3 qualified applicants for the experimental program. The commissioner shall consult with the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Commissioner of Environmental Protection in drafting these rules and regulations and with a subcommittee of 3 members of the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources to be appointed by the chairmen of that committee.

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As used in this resolve, the word "airmobile" means any vehicle propelled by mechanical power that is primarily designed to travel upon a cushion of air or within 2 feet of the water or land surface of the earth.

Qualified applicants shall include any person, firm, corporation or other business entity which manufacturers, constructs or designs airmobiles and which can provide working models of available designs for testing.

The experimental program shall include examination of the mechanical performance, safety, noise and environmental impact of no more than 3 different designs by each applicant.

 \leftarrow the Commissioner of Marine Resources shall \rightarrow report \rightarrow to the Legislature in January of 1978 his findings in the experimental program.

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides a resolve whereby the Commissioner of Marine Resources shall supervise an experimental program and report his findings to the Legislature.

Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House. 6/17/77

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