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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-263) 109TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 663, L.D. 838, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Statutes Relating to Airmobiles."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the first paragraph of section 8 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §2073, sub-§§9, 10 and 11 are enacted to read:'

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

'll. Operation of airmobiles.

A. Prior to November 1, 1979, the commissioner shall promulgate regulations restricting the operation of airmobiles in areas where their use may be harmful. These regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, after public hearings in the areas affected.

B. These regulations shall, as a minimum, condition the use of airmobiles in fish and wildlife preserves, conservation areas, coastal and inland wetlands and great

ponds.

C. The commissioner shall prohibit airmobile use wherever it adversely affects fish and wildlife habitat, interferes with the operation of other watercraft, threatens public safety or adversely affects the natural environment. House Amendment "C " to H.P. 663, L.D. 838

Sec. 9. Effective date. This Act shall take effect on that December 1, 1979, except that/portion of section 8 enacting the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 2073, subsection 11, shall take effect 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature.

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Statement of Fact

This amendment requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules governing the use of airmobiles and puts an effective date on the bill.

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