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1	(EMERGENCY)
2 3	SECOND REGULAR SESSION
4 5	ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
6 7	Legislative Document No. 2320
8 9 10 11	H.P. 1758 House of Representatives, March 20, 1984 Submitted pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1586. Reported by the Majority from the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to H.P. 1586 and printed under Joint Rule 2. EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
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13 14	STATE OF MAINE
15 16 17	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
18 19 20 21 22	AN ACT to Reimburse the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for Duties Performed which are Mandatory Nonfish and Nongame Related.
23 24 25	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis- lature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
26 27 28 29 30 31 32	Whereas, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife was established to ensure that all species of wildlife and aquatic resources in the State are maintained and perpetuated for their intrinsic and ecological values, for their economic contribution and for their recreational, scientific and educational use by the people of the State; and
33 34 35	Whereas, the Legislature recognizes a need to address the immediate financial problems of the department as quickly and efficiently as possible to ensure

1 the department's ability to maintain and protect this 2 resource; and 3 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, 4 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of 5 the Constitution of Maine and require the following 6 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-7 vation of the public peace, health and safety; 8 therefore, 9 it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as 10 follows: 11 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7002 is enacted to read: 12 §7002. Report 13 The department shall report to the joint standing 14 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over 15 fisheries and wildlife, by January 15th of each year, 16 the expenditures made to comply with statutes mandating duties to be performed. The report shall 17 include the statutory authority, the service and date 18 19 of performance, the personal services and all other 20 costs of the service. 21 Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Fisheries 22 23 and Wildlife to reimburse the department for expendi-24 tures made to perform nonfish and nongame related du-25 ties mandated by statute during fiscal year 1983-84. The appropriation contained in this Act may 26 27 expended for capital costs of the department. 28 1984-85 29 INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, 30 DEPARTMENT OF 31 Personal Services \$400,164 32 All Other 61,000

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

\$461,164

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34 35 TOTAL

1 when approved.

2 FISCAL NOTE

This bill will decrease general fund revenues available by \$461,164 in fiscal year 1984-85.

5 STATEMENT OF FACT

Each year the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife expends hundreds of thousands of dollars for services to the public and other departments of State Government which are required by law. The department personnel, especially wardens, are called upon to search for lost children and adults; rescue stranded hikers; inspect for environmental law permit applications and violations and assist other law enforcement officers, including sheriffs, municipal police officers and the State Police to investigate violations of law and assist citizens in life-threatening situations.

These expenditures are made from funds allocated to the department from money paid for hunting and fishing licenses. The department personnel are called upon for these tasks because they are trained and conveniently located to respond promptly. It is an efficient use of available personnel by the State. However, these nonfish and nongame related responsibilities can not be supported from already insufficient funds.

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