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HOUSE AMENDMENT "F" to H.P. 1769, L.D. 2336,
8 Bill, "AN ACT Concerning the Funding of the Depart-
9 ment of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife."

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Amend the bill in Part F in the last paragraph by
11 inserting after the first sentence the following:

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'In addition, the department shall continue to oper-
13 ate the following 7 regional offices: Gray, Augusta,
14 Greenville, Strong, Machias, Enfield and Ashland and
15 a research office at Bangor. During fiscal year
16 1985, the total number of full-time permanent fishery
17 biologist positions shall be 20.'

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Further amend the bill by inserting at the end
19 before the emergency clause the following:

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'PART R

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA c. 702 is enacted to read:

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CHAPTER 702

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DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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§7011. Department funds

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1. Line-item budget. All funds of the department
26 shall be allocated by the Legislature, in the same
27 manner as are appropriations from the General Fund,
28 in a gross unified budget and shall be subject to the
29 transfer provisions of Title 5, section 1585.

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2. Unencumbered balances. Any unencumbered allo-
31 cated balances, including existing balances, shall be
32 carried forward into the next fiscal year and shall

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1 not be expended without allocation by the Legisla-
2 ture.

3 3. Revenues. Actual revenues received in excess
4 of that estimated and allocated by the Legislature
5 shall not be expended without allocation by the Leg-
6 islature.

7 4. Cash reserve. The department shall maintain
8 as practical a cash reserve for the purpose of ensur-
9 ing an adequate cash flow.

10 5. Bond issue. The department shall submit to
11 the joint standing committee of the Legislature hav-
12 ing jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife
13 plans for a bond issue prior to submission of the
14 bond issue to the full Legislature.

15 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7074, sub-§4, as enacted by PL
16 1979, c. 420, §1, is repealed.

17 Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7757, sub-§2, as enacted by PL
18 1983, c. 526, §2, is amended to read:

19 2. Report and allocation. The Commissioner of
20 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall include a report
21 on the Maine Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund as
22 part of the report submitted to the Governor pursuant
23 to section 7034. The commissioner shall submit a
24 budget for each biennium in accordance with Title 5,
25 sections 1663 to 1666. The State Controller shall au-
26 thorize expenditures from the fund as approved by the
27 commissioner allocated by the Legislature.

28 STATEMENT OF FACT

29 This amendment insures that the department con-
30 tinues the operation of 7 regional offices.

31 This amendment also increases legislative control
32 of the budget of the Department of Inland Fisheries

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1 and Wildlife.

2 It also removes language automatically allocating
3 various revenues in the Department of Inland Fisher-
4 ies and Wildlife.

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