

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1021

H.P. 758 House of Representatives, March 30, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and
Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ROLDE of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives JACQUES of Waterville,
McGOWAN of Canaan and FOSTER of Ellsworth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Revitalize the Nongame Endangered
Species and Wildlife Program.**

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4 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
5 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
6 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

7 Whereas, Maine's fisheries and wildlife resources
8 contribute substantial and diverse benefits to the
9 citizens of Maine and have significant recreational,
10 educational, economic, ecological, scientific and
11 aesthetic values; and

12 Whereas, these wildlife and fisheries resources
13 are renewable resources and directly contribute hun-
14 dreds of millions of dollars annually to the economy
15 of Maine and are essential to tourism and other forms
16 of economic growth; and

1 INLAND FISHERIES AND
2 WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT
3 OF

4 Nongame Endangered Species
5 and Wildlife Program

6	Positions	(2)	(2)
7	Personal Services	\$70,000	\$70,000
8	Division of Planning		
9	Position	(1/2)	(1/2)
10	Personal Services	\$15,000	\$15,000
11	All Other	35,000	5,000
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13	Total	<u>\$120,000</u>	<u>\$90,000</u>

14 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
15 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
16 proved.

17 STATEMENT OF FACT

18 This bill recognized that fish and wildlife re-
19 sources are a fundamental part of Maine citizens'
20 heritage. They are a vital element in Maine's quali-
21 ty of life and are an integral factor in sustaining
22 and further promoting tourism and other economic
23 growth in the State.

24 This bill provides funding for positions in the
25 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to ensure
26 a stable and healthy future for these resources and
27 to build upon the State's ongoing commitment to their
28 management.

1 This bill also requires that the Division of
2 Planning evaluate the economic, recreational and eco-
3 logical potential of the State's wildlife resources
4 and determine a stable funding mechanism to maximize
5 these benefits to the State over the long term.

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