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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Original bill sponsored 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

1 AN ACT Establishing the Commission to Study
2 the Impact of Game and Nongame Species on
3 Maine's Economy.
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

7 1. **Study.** There is established the Commission
8 to Study the Impact of Game and Nongame Species on
9 Maine's Economy, which shall consist of 9 members to
10 be appointed as follows: Two members of the Joint
11 Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial
12 Affairs; 2 members of the Joint Standing Committee on
13 Taxation; 2 members of the Joint Standing Committee
14 on Fisheries and Wildlife, to be appointed jointly by
15 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the

1 House; and 3 members appointed by the Governor. The
2 commission shall elect a chairman from among its mem-
3 bers.

4 All appointments shall be made no later than 10
5 days following the effective date of this Act. The
6 Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall
7 be notified by all appointing authorities once their
8 selections have been finalized.

9 The first meeting of the commission shall be con-
10 vened by the Chairman of the Legislative Council.

11 **Sec. 2. Compensation.** The legislative members of
12 the commission shall receive the legislative per di-
13 em, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title
14 3, section 2. Legislators shall not be paid a per di-
15 em when they attend meetings of the commission while
16 the Legislature is in session or in conjunction with
17 serving on another board for which they receive com-
18 pensation. All members of the commission shall be re-
19 imburged for expenses upon application to the Execu-
20 tive Director of the Legislative Council.

21 **Sec. 3. Duties and responsibilities.** The commis-
22 sion shall study the impact of game and nongame spe-
23 cies on Maine's economy, including, but not limited
24 to:

25 A. An analysis of the present economic impact of
26 the State's wildlife resources on Maine's econo-
27 my;

28 B. An analysis of the economic, recreational and
29 ecological potential of the State's wildlife re-
30 sources on Maine's economy;

31 C. An analysis of the annual costs associated
32 with managing and maximizing the potential of
33 these resources for the long-term benefit of the
34 entire State; and

35 D. An evaluation of alternative funding mecha-
36 nisms for managing these resources.

37 **Sec. 4. Staff.** Staffing assistance for the com-
38 mission shall be requested from the Legislative Coun-
39 cil.

