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L.D. 2231

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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
113TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 855, L.D. 2231,
Bill, "AN ACT Expanding the Role of the Bureau of
Marine Patrol."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title
and inserting in its place the following:

'AN ACT Relating to Coastal Search and Rescue
Responsibilities and Creating the Study Commission on
Coastal Search and Rescue.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out everything
after the enacting clause and inserting in its place
the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6029 is enacted to read:

§6029. Search and rescue operations

The Bureau of Marine Patrol is authorized to
provide search and rescue services along the coastal
waters of the State.

Sec. 2. Commission established. There is
established the Study Commission on Coastal Search and
Rescue.

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1 1. Membership. The commission shall be composed
2 of the 11 members selected as follows: Two Senators
3 selected by the President of the Senate representing
4 the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources and
5 the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local
6 Government; 4 representatives selected by the Speaker
7 of the House, representing the Joint Standing
8 Committee on Marine Resources, the Joint Standing
9 Committee on State and Local Government and the Joint
10 Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial
11 Affairs; the Chief of the Bureau of Marine Patrol or
12 the chief's designee; the Commissioner of Marine
13 Resources; the Director of the Bureau of Parks and
14 Recreation; a representative of the United States Life
15 Saving Association; and a representative of the United
16 States Coast Guard. The representatives from the
17 United States Life Saving Association and the United
18 States Coast Guard shall be appointed by the Governor
19 and be nonvoting members.

20 2. Duties. The commission shall study the need
21 for additional personnel within the Bureau of Marine
22 Patrol to cover its responsibilities adequately along
23 the Maine coast and, specifically, whether increased
24 personnel should be provided to enable the Bureau of
25 Marine Patrol to take a more active role in search and
26 rescue activities. Specifically, the commission shall
27 address the following issues:

28 A. The feasibility of creating positions within
29 the Bureau of Marine Patrol that assist in search
30 and rescue along the Maine coast;

31 B. The need for expanded search and rescue
32 efforts along the coast between Memorial Day and
33 Labor Day;

34 C. The need for additional training for marine
35 patrol officers in search and rescue techniques
36 and prevention activities;

37 D. The need for establishing a catalog of
38 identifiable onshore landmarks to serve as points
39 of reference for search and rescue operations;

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1 E. The need for additional equipment and
2 watercraft within the Bureau of Marine Patrol to
3 assist in search and rescue activities; and

4 F. The appropriateness of current levels of fuel
5 tax revenue attributable to watercraft and the
6 apportioning of those revenues between the Boating
7 Facilities Fund and the Department of Marine
8 Resources.

9 3. Report. The commission shall report its
10 findings and recommendations, including recommended
11 legislation, to the First Regular Session of the 114th
12 Legislature by January 15, 1989.

13 4. Expenses. Legislative members shall be
14 entitled to expenses and per diem compensation for
15 attendance at meetings of the commission. The member
16 representing the United States Life Saving Association
17 shall receive expenses.

18 5. Staffing. The commission may request staffing
19 from the Legislative Council.

20 Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are
21 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
22 purposes of this Act.

23		<u>1988-89</u>
24	<u>LEGISLATURE</u>	
25	Study Commission on	
26	Coastal Search and Rescue	
27	Personal Services	\$1,320
28	All Other	4,250
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30	Total	<u>\$5,570</u>

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1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This amendment establishes the Study Commission on
3 Coastal Search and Rescue to study the need for
4 additional search and rescue activities by the Bureau
5 of Marine Patrol.

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Reported by Senator Tuttle for the Committee on Marine
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