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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
116TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 222,
L.D. 693, Bill, "An Act to Establish the Maine Environmental
Trust Fund Commemorative Motor Vehicle Plate"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated
"~~§610.~~" in the first line (page 1, line 23 in amendment) by
striking out the following: "~~§ 610. Maine State Parks Capital
Improvements Fund~~" and inserting in its place the following:
'~~§610. Maine State Parks Fund~~'

Further amend the amendment in section 1 in that part
designated "~~§610.~~" in the first paragraph in the first line (page
1, line 25 in amendment) by striking out the following: "~~Capital
Improvements~~"

Further amend the amendment in section 1 in that part
designated "~~§610.~~" in the next to the last line of the first
paragraph (page 1, line 29 in amendment) by inserting after the
following: "~~improvements~~" the following: '~~, maintenance, repairs
and operations~~'

Further amend the amendment in section 1 in that part
designated "~~§610.~~" in the 2nd paragraph in the 2nd line (page 1,
line 33 in amendment) by striking out the following: "~~Capital
Improvements~~"

Further amend the amendment in section 3 in that part
designated "~~§7759.~~" in subsection 1 in the 4th and 5th lines
(page 2, lines 8 and 9 in amendment) by striking out the
following: "~~enhancing environmental protection at the local
level by awarding grants for the protection of habitat and open
space.~~"

HOUSE AMENDMENT

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Further amend the amendment in section 3 in that part designated "\$7759." in subsection 1 in the 7th line (page 2, line 11 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Capital Improvements"

Further amend the amendment in section 3 in that part designated "\$7759." in subsection 1 in the 7th, 8th and 9th lines (page 2, lines 11, 12 and 13 in amendment) by striking out the following: ", conserving rare plants and natural communities by supporting the Natural Areas Conservation Fund"

Further amend the amendment in section 3 in that part designated "\$7759." in subsection 2 in the 3rd line (page 2, line 21 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "gift" the following: '^'

Further amend the amendment in section 3 in that part designated "\$7759." in subsection 3 in paragraph A in the first line (page 2, line 30 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Ten" and inserting in its place the following: 'Sixty'

Further amend the amendment in section 3 in that part designated "\$7759." in subsection 3 in paragraph A in the 2nd line (page 2, line 31 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Capital Improvements"

Further amend the amendment in section 3 in that part designated "\$7759." in subsection 3 in paragraph B in the first line (page 2, line 34 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Twenty-six" and inserting in its place the following: 'Forty'

Further amend the amendment in section 3 in that part designated "\$7759." in subsection 3 by striking out paragraphs C and D.

Further amend the amendment in section 3 in that part designated "\$7759." by striking out all of subsection 4.

Further amend the amendment in section 3 in that part designated "\$7759." by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Further amend the amendment in section 4 in that part designated "\$252-J." in subsection 2 in the 2nd line (page 4, line 23 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "State," the following: 'the Commissioner of Conservation,'

Further amend the amendment in section 4 in that part designated "~~\$252-J.~~" by striking out all of subsection 5.

Further amend the amendment in section 4 in that part designated "~~\$252-J.~~" by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Further amend the amendment in section 5 in the 4th line from the end (page 5, line 23 in amendment) by striking out the following: "operation," and inserting in its place the following: 'operation and'

Further amend the amendment in section 5 in the 4th line from the end (page 5, line 23 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "program" the following: '.'

Further amend the amendment in section 5 by striking out the last 3 lines (page 5, lines 24 to 26 in amendment) and inserting in their place the following: 'The Secretary of State shall submit with the report emergency legislation to implement recommendations regarding reimbursement to the Secretary of State for production and issuance costs after March 31, 1996.'

Further amend the amendment by striking out everything after section 5 and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 6. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Highway Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1993-94

1994-95

SECRETARY OF STATE,
DEPARTMENT OF THE

Administration-Motor Vehicles

Positions	(1.0)	(1.0)
Personal Services	\$17,691	\$24,582
All Other	294,797	59,753
Capital Expenditures	22,500	

Provides funds for a Clerk
Typist II position and
general operating expenses to
manufacture and issue the
Maine Environmental Trust
Fund license plate.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY
OF STATE
TOTAL

\$334,988

\$84,335

Sec. 7. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the
Maine Environmental Trust Fund to carry out the purposes of this
Act.

1993-94

1994-95

CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Maine State Parks Program

Capital Expenditures

\$300,000

\$360,000

Provides funds for major and
minor capital improvements,
operations, maintenance and
repairs at existing state
parks and historic sites.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
TOTAL

\$300,000

\$360,000

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE,
DEPARTMENT OF

1993-94

1994-95

Maine Endangered and Nongame Wildlife
Program

Positions

(1)

(1)

Personal Services

\$11,046

\$44,967

All Other

188,954

195,033

Provides funds for one
Biologist I position and
general operating expenses
associated with the
management of endangered and
nongame wildlife.

DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES
AND WILDLIFE
TOTAL

\$200,000

\$240,000

FISCAL NOTE

	1993-94	1994-95
APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS		
Highway Fund	\$334,988	\$84,335
Other Funds	500,000	600,000

REVENUES

Highway Fund	\$500,000	\$600,000
Other Funds	500,000	600,000

This bill establishes a Maine Environmental Trust Fund license plate program to raise money for capital improvements and maintenance and repairs at existing state parks and historic sites, the Maine Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Program and to support the Highway Fund.

The Secretary of State, Division of Motor Vehicles, will require additional Highway Fund allocations of \$334,988 and \$84,335 in fiscal years 1993-94 and 1994-95, respectively, to manufacture and issue approximately 50,000 pairs of environmental plates for fiscal year 1993-94 and 10,000 for fiscal year 1994-95. These Highway Fund costs will be reimbursed by transfers to the Highway Fund from the Maine Environmental Trust Fund in the amount of \$10 per set of plates during the first 2 years of the program. These amounts could change for the following 2 years depending upon consideration of a report by the Secretary of State to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation on the status of the program and a funding proposal to be submitted by January 15, 1996. The remaining environmental license contribution is retained by the Maine Environmental Trust Fund and allocated to specific programs. This plate program will increase net revenues to the Highway Fund and increase dedicated revenues to the Maine Environmental Trust Fund. The estimated increases of Highway Fund revenues are \$500,000 and \$600,000 in fiscal years 1993-94 and 1994-95, respectively. The estimated increases of dedicated revenues to the Maine Environmental Trust Fund are \$500,000 and \$600,000 in fiscal years 1993-94 and 1994-95, respectively.

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Conservation will incur some minor additional costs to administer the new Maine Environmental Trust Fund and dedicated programs. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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4 This amendment changes the name of the Maine State Parks
6 Capital Improvement Fund to the Maine State Parks Fund and
8 specifies that the fund may be used for maintenance, operations
10 and repair costs in addition to capital improvements. It changes
12 the distribution of money from the Maine Environmental Trust Fund
14 with the Maine State Parks Fund receiving 60% and the Maine
16 Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund receiving 40% of the balance
after reimbursement for costs. The Commissioner of Conservation
is included in the group determining the registration plate
design. Reimbursement to the Secretary of State is set at \$10
per set of plates for the first 2 years. The Secretary of
State's report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation
must include legislation to implement their recommendation for
reimbursement after the first 2 years.

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