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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" 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 1 in that part
designated "~~§610.~~" in the 2nd paragraph by inserting at the end
the following: 'The Department of Conservation may use funds of
the Maine State Parks Fund to buy out contracts on state land.'

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."

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2 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
4 Improvements"

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

12 Further amend the amendment in section 3 in that part
designated "~~§7759.~~" in subsection 2 in the 3rd line (page 2, line
14 21 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "gift" the
following: 'L'

16 Further amend the amendment in section 3 in that part
18 designated "~~§7759.~~" in subsection 3 by striking out all of
paragraphs A to D and inserting in their place the following:

20 'A. Sixty percent of the balance must be deposited in the
22 Maine State Parks Fund established in section 610; and

24 B. Forty percent of the balance must be deposited in the
26 Maine Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund established in
section 7757.'

28 Further amend the amendment in section 3 in that part
designated "~~§7759.~~" in subsection 3 by adding at the end a new
30 blocked paragraph to read:

32 'This subsection is repealed March 31, 1996.'

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

36 Further amend the amendment in section 3 in that part
38 designated "~~§7759.~~" by renumbering the subsections to read
consecutively.

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

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

48 Further amend the amendment in section 4 in that part
50 designated "~~§252-J.~~" in subsection 6 in the first 2 lines (page

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5, lines 4 and 5 in amendment) by striking out the following: "first 2 years of program"

Further amend the amendment in section 4 in that part designated "§252-J." in subsection 6 in the 3rd line from the end (page 5, line 8 in amendment) by striking out the following: "during the period April 1, 1994 to March 31, 1996"

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

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. Legislative review of distribution of funds. The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation shall review the distribution formula established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7759, subsection 3 to determine whether the percentages distributed after reimbursement to the Secretary of State should be amended, repealed or continued by law. The committee shall submit its report, including any necessary legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature by November 1, 1995.

Sec. 7. 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		

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TOTAL \$334,988 \$84,335

Sec. 8. 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

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

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2	Highway Fund	\$334,988	\$84,335
	Other Funds	500,000	600,000

4 REVENUES

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

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

20 The Secretary of State, Division of Motor Vehicles, will
22 require additional Highway Fund allocations of \$334,988 and
24 \$84,335 in fiscal years 1993-94 and 1994-95, respectively, to
26 manufacture and issue approximately 50,000 pairs of environmental
28 plates for fiscal year 1993-94 and 10,000 for fiscal year
30 1994-95. These Highway Fund costs will be reimbursed by
32 transfers to the Highway Fund from the Maine Environmental Trust
34 Fund in the amount of \$10 per set of plates. The remaining
36 environmental license contribution is retained by the Maine
38 Environmental Trust Fund and allocated to specific programs.
40 This plate program will increase net revenues to the Highway Fund
42 and increase dedicated revenues to the Maine Environmental Trust
44 Fund. The estimated increases of Highway Fund revenues are
46 \$500,000 and \$600,000 in fiscal years 1993-94 and 1994-95,
48 respectively. The estimated increases of dedicated revenues to
50 the Maine Environmental Trust Fund are \$500,000 and \$600,000 in
fiscal years 1993-94 and 1994-95, respectively.

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

40 STATEMENT OF FACT

42 This amendment incorporates the substance of House Amendment
44 "B" to Committee Amendment "A" and House Amendment "A" to
46 Committee Amendment "A", except that this amendment deletes
48 language requiring the Secretary of State to submit emergency
50 legislation to implement recommendations regarding reimbursement
for production and issuance costs and language that limits the
\$10 reimbursement to the period April 1, 1994 to March 31, 1996.
This amendment also repeals the provision establishing the
distribution formula for the Maine Environmental Trust Fund

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2 effective March 31, 1996 and requires the Joint Standing
Committee on Transportation to review that formula concerning the
percentages distributed after reimbursement to the Secretary of
4 State prior to that automatic repeal date.

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