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House of Representatives, March 25, 1993

An Act Relating to the Maine Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund.

Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 24. Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative HEINO of Boothbay. Cosponsored by Representatives: LARRIVEE of Gorham, NICKERSON of Turner.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7757, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 526, §2, is amended to read:

Establishment. There is established the Maine Endangered 6 1. and Nongame Wildlife Fund. It shall--receive receives money deposited by the Treasurer of State pursuant to Title 36, section 5284, revenues generated in accordance with this section and any 10 money contributed voluntarily to the fund. All money deposited in the fund, and the earnings thereon, shall must remain in the 12 fund to be used for the management of nongame wildlife and for necessary administrative and personnel costs associated 14 therewith, and shall may not be deposited in the General Fund or any other fund, except as specifically provided by statute.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7757, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Fund raising. The commissioner or the commissioner's authorized agent may provide for the creation, reproduction, sale, licensing, distribution and other disposal of any art or products for the purpose of generating revenues for the 22 management of the State's nongame wildlife. All money generated from the sale of these items must be deposited in the Maine Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The current budget needs of the Maine Endangered and Nongame 30 Wildlife Fund exceed projected amounts. This bill effectuates increases in amounts that may be contributed voluntarily to the fund and authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and 34 Wildlife to perform certain fund-raising activities.

Existing law has been interpreted to prohibit receipt of voluntary contributions that are not made pursuant to the checkoff that appears on the tax forms. The bill clarifies existing law by permitting voluntary contributions to the fund.

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