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No. 1259

S.P. 463

In Senate, April 11, 1995

An Act to Provide Reimbursement from the General Fund for Search and Rescue Operations of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HALL of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Senator: KIEFFER of Aroostook, Representatives: BAILEY of Township 27, CHICK of Lebanon, GREENLAW of Standish, JACQUES of Waterville, ROTONDI of Madison, TUFTS of Stockton Springs.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7035, sub-§4, ¶B-1** is enacted to read:

6 B-1. Expenses incurred by the department to search for or
8 rescue a person who, at the time that person became lost or
10 injured, was not licensed to engage in recreational hunting
12 or fishing activities in the State must be paid from the
14 General Fund. The joint standing committee of the
16 Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and
18 wildlife matters shall report out a bill to the first
20 regular session of each Legislature to appropriate
22 sufficient funds to the department to cover the full cost of
24 those search and rescue efforts.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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20 This bill requires that expenses incurred by the Department
22 of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to search for or rescue a person
24 who, at the time that person became lost or injured, was not
26 licensed to engage in recreational hunting or fishing activities
in the State must be paid from the General Fund. A similar
statute, which required General Fund reimbursement for all Inland
Fisheries and Wildlife search and rescue operations, was repealed
by Public Law 1991, chapter 614.