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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Reported by: Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook for the Committee.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 666, L.D. 1726, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Study the Operations of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7794, sub-§9, as amended by PL 1989, c. 493, §53, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7794, sub-§9-A is enacted to read:

9-A. Certificate of number; term. A certificate of number issued to the owner of a watercraft:

A. If issued prior to July 1, 1996, is valid from the date of issuance of that certificate of number until midnight on the last day of the 12th month after the month of issuance or midnight on December 31, 1996, whichever comes first; and

B. If issued on or after July 1, 1996, must be issued for a specific calendar year and is valid from January 1st to December 31st of the calendar year for which the certificate of number is issued.

A certificate of number issued to a dealer expires at midnight on December 31st of the calendar year for which the certificate was issued.

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §1503, sub-§8, as amended by PL 1985, c.726, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §1503, sub-§8-A is enacted to read:

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2 8-A. Registration period. The term "registration period"
3 means, for watercraft having a certificate of number issued under
4 Title 12, section 7794:

6 A. Prior to July 1, 1996, the period from the date of
7 issuance of that certificate of number until midnight on the
8 last day of the 12th month after the month of issuance or
9 midnight on December 31, 1996, whichever comes first; and

10 B. On or after July 1, 1996, from January 1st to December
11 31st of the calendar year for which the certificate of
12 number is issued.

14 **Sec. 5. PL 1995, c. 455, §44, sub-§8 is enacted to read:**

16 8. Additional task force meeting. The chair of the task force
17 shall call a meeting of the task force on any day between June 1,
18 1996 and June 30, 1996 to review the progress of the Department
19 of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in implementing the
20 recommendations of the task force. Members of the task force are
21 not entitled to compensation or reimbursement of expenses for any
22 meeting held under this section.

24 **Sec. 6. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
25 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

26 **1996-97**

28 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE,**
29 **DEPARTMENT OF**

30 **Savings Fund Program**

32 All Other \$178,000

34 Appropriates funds to be used
35 only to avoid future license
36 fee increases.

37 **Sec. 7. Retroactivity.** That section of this Act that amends
38 Public Law 1995, chapter 455 applies retroactively to December 1,
39 1995.'

40 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
41 statement of fact the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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General Fund \$178,000

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10 REVENUES

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General Fund \$178,000

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16 The change in the validity of year-long boat registrations
17 will result in a one-time shift in the receipt of boat
18 registration fees from fiscal year 1997-98 to fiscal year
19 1996-97. General Fund revenue will increase by \$178,000 in
20 fiscal year 1996-97 and decrease by the same amount in fiscal
21 year 1997-98. The increase in revenue in fiscal year 1996-97
22 will require a General Fund appropriation of the same amount to
23 the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in fiscal year
24 1996-97 to ensure that total appropriations are at least equal to
25 the undedicated revenues collected by the department, as required
26 by the Constitution of Maine.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment replaces the bill.

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33 The amendment requires that watercraft registrations and
34 certificates of number issued after July 1, 1996 be valid for
35 specific calendar years, rather than for the 12-month period
36 following the date the certificates of number are issued.

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37 The amendment retains the requirement in the bill that
38 requires the Task Force to Study the Operations of the Department
39 of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to meet in June to evaluate the
40 department's progress but makes a technical correction and
41 removes the provision that would have allowed the members to
42 receive per diem and expenses for that meeting.