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No. 498

S.P. 169

In Senate, January 28, 1997

An Act to Reallocate Environmental Registration License Plate Revenue.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HALL of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook, Representatives: CROSS of
Dover-Foxcroft, TRUE of Fryeburg, UNDERWOOD of Oxford, USHER of Westbrook.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7759, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 410,
Pt. BBB, §3, is amended to read:

1. Fund established. The Maine Environmental Trust Fund, referred to in this section as the "fund," is established as a nonlapsing fund administered by the commissioner for the purposes of improving state parks and historic sites by supporting the Maine State Parks Fund and managing nongame wildlife by supporting the Maine Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund and enforcing the laws regulating boats, snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles by the Bureau of Warden Service. Money deposited with the Treasurer of State to the credit of the fund may be invested as provided by law. Income from these investments must be credited to the fund.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7759, sub-§3, ¶¶A and B, as repealed and replaced by PL 1995, c. 217, §1, are amended to read:

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

B. ~~Forty~~ Twenty percent of the balance must be deposited in the Maine Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund established in section 7757; and

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7759, sub-§3, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. Fifty percent of the balance must be allocated to the Bureau of Warden Service to be dedicated to enforcing laws regulating boats, snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles.

SUMMARY

This bill redistributes funds from the Maine Environmental Trust Fund that are received through the sale of the environmental registration plate so that 30% is deposited in the Maine State Parks Fund, 20% is deposited in the Maine Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund and 50% is allocated to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Warden Service for the enforcement of laws regulating boats, snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles.