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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 254, L.D. 823, Bill, "An Act to Establish an Outdoor Recreation Council"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Amend the Membership of the Maine Tourism Commission'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 (page 1, lines 3 to 48 and page 2, lines 1 to 35 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13090-F, sub-§1, as reallocated by RR 1995, c. 2, §11 and corrected by §12, is amended to read:

1. Maine Tourism Commission. The Maine Tourism Commission, established by section 12004-I, subsection 87 and referred to in this section as the "commission," shall assist and advise the Office of Tourism and Community Development to achieve its purpose under section 13090-C. The commission consists of 9 members of major tourism trade associations and 8 public members who must represent their respective regions and have experience in the field or have demonstrated concern for the travel industry and 3 persons representing the outdoor sporting interests of the State, consisting of one person representing a statewide organization of hunters, anglers and trappers, one person representing the interests of large landowners and one person representing a statewide organization of licensed Maine guides. The terms of the members are for 4 years each, except that, for the members first appointed, 4 members are appointed for terms of 4 years, 4 members for terms of 3 years, 4 members for terms of 2

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2 years and 5 members for terms of one year. The members are
4 appointed by the Governor, who shall fill a vacancy in the
6 membership for the unexpired term. The commissioner, director or
8 a designee of the following state departments or offices shall
10 serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the commission: the
12 department; the State Planning Office; the Department of
Conservation; the Department of Transportation; the Department of
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; the Department of Agriculture,
Food and Rural Resources; the Department of Education; the Bureau
of Public Improvements; and the Canadian Affairs Coordinator. A
chair and vice-chair must be elected annually from the appointed
membership.'

14 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
16 summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

18 The additional costs associated with increasing the
20 membership of the Maine Tourism Commission can be absorbed by the
22 Department of Economic and Community Development utilizing
existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

24 This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title of
26 the bill. The amendment adds 3 new members to the Maine Tourism
28 Commission to represent the outdoor sporting interests of the
30 State. This amendment also adds a fiscal note.