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## 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 516

House of Representatives, January 26, 1999

An Act to Establish a Marine Recreation Fishing Conservation and Management Fund.

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell. Cosponsored by Representative USHER of Westbrook.

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6032 is enacted to read:

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## §6032. Marine Recreation Fishing Conservation and Management Fund

The Marine Recreation Fishing Conservation and Management Fund, referred to in this section as the "fund," is established within the department. The commissioner may receive on behalf of the fund funds from any source. The purpose of the fund is to support activities related to the management and development of marine recreation fisheries. All money received into the fund must be used for the purposes of the fund. Unexpended balances in the fund at the end of the fiscal year do not lapse but must be carried forward to the next fiscal year to be used for the purposes of the fund. Any interest earned on the money in the fund must be credited to the fund.

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SUMMARY

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This bill establishes in the Department of Marine Resources a dedicated fund intended to be used for projects and programs for development of marine recreation fisheries opportunities.