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H.P. 1180

House of Representatives, March 4, 1999

An Act to Protect Maine's Lakes and Ponds from Camp Road Runoff.

Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative McKEE of Wayne.
Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and
Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, DAIGLE of Arundel, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook,
FULLER of Manchester, GREEN of Monmouth, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, SHIAH of
Bowdoinham, Senator: TREAT of Kennebec.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA c. 3, sub-c. I, art. 1-H is enacted to read:**

6 **Article 1-H**

8 **Camp Road Management Grants Program**

10 **§410-N. Camp road management grants program**

12 A camp road management grants program is established in the
14 department to provide financial and technical assistance to
16 municipalities, nonprofit road associations and other nonprofit
18 organizations that undertake the maintenance or construction of
20 camp roads. The purpose of the assistance is to ensure that the
22 maintenance or construction of a camp road in a shoreland zone is
done in a manner that affords the water body the greatest level
of protection from nonpoint source pollution from the camp road.
The department shall administer the program and shall award funds
in cooperation with the state soil and water conservation
districts.

24 1. Eligible project. Construction or improvement projects
26 for a camp road, or portion of a camp road, located within a
28 shoreland zone are eligible for funding under this program.
30 Funds must be awarded to applicants on a competitive basis based
upon the department's assessment of the degree to which the
project protects the associated water body from pollution through
erosion and sediment control, roadway drainage, vegetative
buffers, stormwater abatement or other design elements.

32 2. Project application. The department shall adopt rules
34 describing the application process. Those rules must include a
36 definition for the term "camp road," and may include other
38 necessary definitions, and must describe the information required
40 by the department to determine if the application is complete and
42 the criteria to be used when ranking the project. Those rules
44 may also include any inspection or enforcement provisions
determined necessary by the department and may require return of
grant money not expended within the appropriate time frame or
expended in a manner inconsistent with the conditions of 3 grant
award. The application must stipulate that the scope of work
described in the application will be completed within 3 years
after acceptance of a grant award.

46 3. Grants. The commissioner may provide funds for eligible
48 projects.

50 A. A grant for a single project may not exceed \$75,000.

2 B. The commissioner may pay up to 50% of the costs of a
project for which the total project cost is \$15,000 or less.

4 C. The commissioner may pay up to 65% of the costs of a
project for which the total project cost is more than
6 \$15,000 but less than \$50,000.

8 D. The commissioner may pay up to 80% of the costs of a
project for which the total project cost is \$50,000 or more.

10 4. Rules. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are
12 routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,
14 subchapter II-A.

16 **Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1999-00	2000-01
20 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,		
22 DEPARTMENT OF		
24 Camp road management grants program		
All Other	\$125,000	\$125,000
Appropriates funds from the General Fund to the camp road management grants program in the Department of Environmental Protection for camp road management grants to eligible municipalities and nonprofit organizations involved in camp road management.		
38 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL		
40 PROTECTION		
TOTAL	\$125,000	\$125,000

42 **SUMMARY**

44 This bill establishes a camp road management grants program
46 in the Department of Environmental Protection to provide matching
48 financial and technical assistance grants to municipalities and
nonprofit organizations involved in camp road construction and
50 maintenance. Camp road projects within a shoreland zone are
eligible for matching grants. Grants are awarded on a competitive
basis based upon the degree to which the project design protects

2 the associated water body from nonpoint source pollution
associated with the use of the road. The grants may not exceed
4 \$75,000 per project and the projects must be completed within 3
years after acceptance of a grant.

6 The grant program is funded from an annual appropriation of
\$125,000 from the General Fund in each year of the biennium.