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An Act to Credit Certain Penalties Levied by the Department of Environmental Protection to the Lakes Heritage Trust Fund.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative McKEE of Wayne. Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox and Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, DAIGLE of Arundel, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, FULLER of Manchester, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, THOMPSON of Naples, Senators: PARADIS of Aroostook, TREAT of Kennebec.

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

2 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3331, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 519, Pt. A, $\S3$, is amended to read: 4 6. Lakes Heritage Trust Fund. The Lakes Heritage Trust 6 Fund, referred to in this subsection as the "fund," is established in the Executive Department for the purpose of 8 protecting, preserving and enhancing the quality and value of the State's lakes and great ponds. By The fund must accept funds 10 from penalties levied by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Title 38, section 349, subsection 10, and, 12 by majority vote of all members, the council may accept monetary contributions to the fund from any public or private source and 14 may spend or disburse those funds in a manner consistent with law 16 for the purposes stated in this subsection. The council shall include an accounting of all donations to and expenditures from 18 the Lakes-Heritage-Trust-Fund fund in its annual report to the Legislature under subsection 4. 20 Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §349, sub-§10 is enacted to read: 22 10. Penalties involving great ponds. Funds from a penalty 24 levied by the department and pursuant to this section for a violation of any of the laws administered by the department 26 involving great ponds must be credited to the Lakes Heritage Trust Fund defined in Title 5, section 3331, subsection 6. 28 **SUMMARY** 30 32 This bill allocates penalties levied by the Department of Environmental Protection for violations of laws related to great 34 ponds to the Lakes Heritage Trust Fund.