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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to S.P. 167, L.D. 586, Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Testing Process for the Licensing of Guides"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the skills and expertise provided by licensed guides to their clientele ensure a high level of safety for the individual as well as the general public; and

Whereas, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife staff are currently being diverted from other pressing duties to administer oral exams to guides; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '

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

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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FISCAL NOTE

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The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will incur some minor additional costs to provide required compensation for certain examiners retained by the Advisory Board for the Licensing of Guides. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.

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The Department of Marine Resources will incur some minor additional costs to have a marine patrol officer serve as a member of the Advisory Board for the Licensing of Guides. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill. It also adds a fiscal note.