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H.P. 587

House of Representatives, February 13, 2001

An Act to Provide Fishing Access Signs.

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.
Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and
Representatives: LaVERDIERE of Wilton, MICHAUD of Fort Kent, PARADIS of
Frenchville, PERKINS of Penobscot, THOMAS of Orono, TRAHAN of Waldoboro,
WHEELER of Eliot, Senator: MARTIN of Aroostook.

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

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3 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7035, sub-§13, ¶A**, as corrected by RR 1997,
4 c. 1, §9, is amended to read:

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7 A. A program that supports landowners, called the Support
8 Landowners Program. Twelve dollars of each \$15 collected
9 under section 7076, subsection 12-A is dedicated to the
10 Support Landowners Program. The Support Landowners Program
may:

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(1) Offer a toll-free number for landowner concerns;

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(2) From among existing staff, appoint a landowner
relations coordinator at the Augusta office of the
16 department and regional landowner relations
18 coordinators at the regional offices. Regional
landowner relations coordinators may be appointed only
20 from the department's recreational safety coordinators
and volunteers;

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(3) Provide linkage with local conservation
organizations, volunteer groups and advisory groups;

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(4) Enhance enforcement of trespass, dumping and
26 property damage violations;

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(5) Provide educational materials and signs;

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(5-A) Develop, distribute and erect signs that direct
32 anglers to water access sites;

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(6) Coordinate with other related landowner relations
34 activities, including Landowner Recognition Day; and

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(7) Encourage landowners who only allow access to
38 their property with permission to conspicuously post
signs on the property indicating the name and address
40 of the owner or other person with authority to grant
permission; and

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SUMMARY

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45 This bill authorizes the support landowners program of the
46 landowner relations program in the Department of Inland Fisheries
and Wildlife to develop, distribute and erect signs that direct
48 anglers to water access sites.