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L.D. 1274

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 961, L.D. 1274, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Dedicated Wild Blueberry Tax"

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, Maine wild blueberry growers have petitioned the Legislature to increase the blueberry tax in order to provide additional funding for the Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine to conduct increased advertising and promotion of wild blueberries; and

Whereas, Maine wild blueberry growers produced a record crop of blueberries in 2000 and expect another large crop in 2001; and

Whereas, additional advertising and promotion funds are needed before and during the 2001 growing season in order to increase markets for wild blueberries; and

Whereas, it is necessary for the tax increase proposed in this Act to take effect for the 2001 growing season in order to provide additional funds in a timely manner; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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 after section 4 the following:

'Sec. 5. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2001-02 | 2002-03 |
| WILD BLUEBERRY COMMISSION | | |
| OF MAINE | | |

Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine

| | | |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| All Other | \$420,000 | \$440,000 |
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Allocates additional funds for the commission.

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:

FISCAL NOTE

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|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2001-02 | 2002-03 |
| APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS | | |

| | | |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| General Fund | \$420,000 | \$440,000 |
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REVENUES

| | | |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Other Funds | \$420,000 | \$440,000 |
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Increasing the dedicated tax on wild blueberries will increase tax collections. The estimated increases of dedicated revenue to the Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine are \$420,000 and \$440,000 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively. The commission will need increased Other Special Revenue fund allocations of these same amounts for fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment adds an emergency preamble, an emergency clause, an allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

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