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H.P. 1056

House of Representatives, March 5, 2001

An Act to Provide for Public Access to Fish, Game and Wildlife Resources.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, THOMAS of Orono, USHER of Westbrook, Senators: CARPENTER of York, KILKELLY of Lincoln, WOODCOCK of Franklin.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7656** is enacted to read:

6 **§7656. Establishing public access corridors for purposes of**
8 **fishing, hunting or trapping**

10 The commissioner may purchase land or interests in land or
12 may grant conservation easements over land in order to establish
14 public access corridors to lands or waters for the purpose of
16 fishing, hunting or trapping. The commissioner shall consult
18 with the Land for Maine's Future Board and the Director of the
20 Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation
22 on actions taken under this subchapter.

24 A corridor established under this section must be surveyed
26 and described so that it can be located and a plan of the land or
28 rights must be filed and recorded in the registry of deeds in the
30 county or counties in which the corridor is located. The filing
32 of the plan and description vests the title to the land or right
34 in the land to the State or its grantees, to be held during the
36 pleasure of the State.

38 **SUMMARY**

40 This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries
42 and Wildlife to purchase land or interests in land or to grant
44 conservation easements over land in order to establish public
46 access corridors to lands or waters for the purposes of fishing,
48 hunting or trapping. The bill requires the commissioner to
50 consult with the Land for Maine's Future Board and the Director
52 of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of
54 Conservation on any actions taken to establish such corridors.

56 The bill also requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries
58 and Wildlife to survey and describe the corridor and to file a
60 plan of that corridor with the registry of deeds in the county or
62 counties in which the corridor is located in the same way
64 required by law when the commissioner acquires land to establish
66 wildlife management areas under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title
68 12, section 7652, subsection 1.