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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 630, L.D. 1812, Bill, "An Act to Prevent Infestation of Invasive Aquatic Plants and to Control Other Invasive Species"

Amend the bill in Part A by inserting after the first line and before section 1 the following:

'Sec. A-1. 5 MRSA §1513, sub-§§1-Q and 1-R are enacted to read:

1-Q. Transfer from Maine Rainy Day Fund; Lake and River Protection Fund. Notwithstanding subsection 2 and section 1585, an amount not to exceed \$329,097 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$758,630 in fiscal year 2002-03 must be transferred from the available balance in the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the Lake and River Protection Fund within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and established in Title 12, section 7806 upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor.

1-R. Transfer from Maine Rainy Day Fund; Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund. Notwithstanding subsection 2 and section 1585, an amount not to exceed \$246,572 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$1,095,342 in fiscal year 2002-03 must be transferred from the available balance in the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection and established in Title 38, section 1863 upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor.'

Further amend the bill in Part A in section 3 in that part designated "§7794-B." in the first paragraph by striking out all of the last underlined sentence (page 2, lines 1 and 2 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following: 'A fee may not be assessed for a sticker.'

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2 Further amend the bill in Part A in section 3 in that part
4 designated "~~§7794-B.~~" by striking out all of subsections 1 and 2
(page 2, lines 4 to 22 in L.D.)

6 Further amend the bill in Part A in section 5 in that part
8 designated "~~§7806.~~" in the first paragraph in the 4th and 5th
lines (page 3, lines 15 and 16 in L.D.) by striking out the
10 following: "~~fees collected for lake and river protection
stickers issued under section 7794-B~~" and inserting in its place
12 the following: '~~transfers made pursuant to Title 5, section
1513, subsection 1-Q~~'

14 Further amend the bill in Part A in section 7 in that part
16 designated "~~§1863.~~" in the first paragraph in the 4th, 5th and
6th lines (page 5, lines 15 to 17 in L.D.) by striking out the
18 following: "~~fees collected for lake and river protection
stickers issued under Title 12, section 7794-B~~" and inserting in
20 its place the following: '~~transfers made pursuant to Title 5,
section 1513, subsection 1-R~~'

22 Further amend the bill in Part A by inserting after section
24 7 the following:

26 '**Sec. A-8. Future transfers from Maine Rainy Day Fund.** As part
of the current services budget requests for fiscal years 2003-04
and 2004-05 and each fiscal biennium thereafter:

28 1. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall
30 include amendments to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5,
section 1513, subsection 1-Q to provide appropriate transfers to
32 the Lake and River Protection Fund established in Title 12,
section 7806; and

34 2. The Department of Environmental Protection shall include
36 amendments to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1513,
subsection 1-R to provide appropriate transfers to the Invasive
38 Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund established under Title
38, section 1863.'

40 Further amend the bill in Part C by striking out all of
42 section 3 (page 10, lines 14 to 33 in L.D.)

44 Further amend the bill by striking out all of Part D.

46 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
48 consecutively.

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FISCAL NOTE

2001-02 2002-03

REVENUES

General Fund (\$34,500) (\$111,200)

The amendment eliminates the portion of the bill that authorized transfers from the Maine Rainy Day Fund totalling \$560,000 to provide working capital for 2 funds within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Environmental Protection. The bill as amended requires transfers from the Maine Rainy Day Fund of \$329,097 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$758,630 in fiscal year 2002-03 to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to provide funding for the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund and \$246,572 and \$1,095,342 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively, for the Department of Environmental Protection for the Lake and River Protection Fund.

The amount of interest earnings that will be lost to the fund as a result of these transfers is expected to be approximately \$34,500 and \$111,200 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively.

The amendment also requires that proposals to make future transfers from the Maine Rainy Day Fund to these funds beginning in fiscal year 2003-04 be requested as part of the current services budget. The impact of these transfers on General Fund interest earnings can not be determined at this time.

The Governor's proposed "current services" budget as amended includes changes that may affect this bill's impact on earnings to the Maine Rainy Day Fund. This estimate of the fiscal impact may need to be adjusted based on final legislative actions on the "current services" budget.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment provides an alternative funding mechanism for
the sticker program by using money from the Maine Rainy Day Fund
instead of sticker fees.

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SPONSORED BY: 
(Representative WATERHOUSE)

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