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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" 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 section 5 the following:

'Sec. A-6. 36 MRSA §5285-B is enacted to read:

§5285-B. Lake and River Protection Fund and Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund checkoff

1. Lake and River Protection Fund and Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund. When filing a return, a taxpayer entitled to a refund under this Part may designate that \$3 of the refund be paid into the Lake and River Protection Fund established in Title 12, section 7806 and the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund established in Title 38, section 1863. A taxpayer who is not entitled to a refund under this Part may contribute to those funds by including with that taxpayer's return sufficient funds to make the contribution. Each individual income tax return form must contain a designation in substantially the following form: "Lake and River Protection Fund and Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund: () \$3."

2. Contributions credited to funds. The State Tax Assessor shall determine annually the total amount contributed pursuant to subsection 1. Prior to the beginning of the next year, the State Tax Assessor shall deduct the cost of administering the Lake and River Protection Fund and Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance

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2 Species Fund checkoff, but not exceeding \$2,000 annually, and
4 report the remainder to the Treasurer of State, who shall forward
6 40% of that amount to the Lake and River Protection Fund and 60%
8 of that amount to the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species
10 Fund.

12 3. Effective date. This section applies to tax years
14 beginning on and after January 1, 2001.'

16 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
18 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
20 consecutively.

22 **FISCAL NOTE**

| | 2001-02 | 2002-03 |
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| 24 REVENUES | | |
| 26 Other Funds | \$50,000 | \$50,000 |

28 The bill as amended establishes an income tax checkoff
30 program that will generate additional dedicated revenue estimated
32 to be \$50,000 annually, beginning in fiscal year 2001-02. Of the
34 total amount of revenue, \$20,000 annually is dedicated to the
36 Lake and River Protection Fund within the Department of Inland
38 Fisheries and Wildlife and \$30,000 annually is dedicated to the
40 Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund within the
42 Department of Environmental Protection.

44 **SUMMARY**

46 This amendment provides a funding mechanism in the form of a
48 \$3 income tax checkoff, for the program to prevent infestation of
50 invasive aquatic plants.

52 SPONSORED BY: 
54 (Representative WATERHOUSE)

56 TOWN: Bridgton