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H.P. 604

House of Representatives, February 20, 2003

An Act Regarding Wildlife Habitat Conservation

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 EDMONDS of Cumberland and
Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BULL of Freeport, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor,
MUSE of Fryeburg, Senators: KNEELAND of Aroostook, STANLEY of Penobscot.

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

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7035. sub-§22 is enacted to read:

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22. Enter into agreement to manage parcel of land as wildlife habitat. The commissioner may enter into an agreement with a landowner to manage a parcel of land in the unorganized territory as wildlife habitat. An agreement may include a provision that exempts the parcel of land that is the subject of the agreement from the property tax. For a landowner who owns more than 1,000 acres in the unorganized territory, no more than 15% of that landowner's holdings in the unorganized territory may be the subject of an agreement pursuant to this subsection.

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16 SUMMARY

This bill allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to enter into an agreement with a landowner to manage a parcel of land in the unorganized territory as wildlife habitat. An agreement may include a provision that exempts the parcel of land that is the subject of the agreement from the property tax. For a landowner who owns more than 1,000 acres in the unorganized territory, no more than 15% of that landowner's holdings in the unorganized territory may be the subject of an agreement to manage the land as wildlife habitat.