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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 323, L.D. 438, "Resolve, To Improve Access to Emergency Services in State Parks and in the Maine Wildlife Park"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Improve Access to Emergency Services in State Parks, Historic Sites and the Maine Wildlife Park'

Further amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Preamble. Whereas, the Department of Conservation and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife strive to provide a safe environment for visitors to public facilities under their jurisdictions; and

Whereas, periodic review of safety policies and procedures is necessary to provide the safest possible environment within existing resources; and

Whereas, the family of Olyvia Pratt requested this legislation to facilitate the provision of the highest level of safety to visitors by the Department of Conservation and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Policies; procedures. Resolved: That the Department of Conservation and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 323, L.D. 438

1. Review policies and procedures for contacting emergency service providers and mechanisms for communicating these policies and procedures to staff, emergency service providers and the visiting public;

2. Create and implement policies and procedures that allow emergency service providers immediate access to state-owned facilities when necessary;

3. Review and implement staff training to ensure timely responses to emergencies; and

4. Develop written emergency operating plans for all staffed facilities; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Conservation and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall report the findings of the reviews under section 1 and actions taken in response to the reviews to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by January 31, 2006.'

SUMMARY

The amendment replaces the resolve. It requires the Department of Conservation and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to review their policies and procedures relating to contacting emergency service providers and allowing emergency service providers access to facilities and to review and implement staff training in emergency response. It requires the departments to develop written emergency operating plans for all staffed facilities and to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by January 31, 2006.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



Approved: 04/11/05 *MAC*

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Resolve, To Improve Access to Emergency Services in State Parks and in the Maine Wildlife Park

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund