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House of Representatives, January 3, 2006

An Act To Protect Volunteer-earned Funds of the Maine Wildlife Park

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 28, 2005. Referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative AUSTIN of Gray.
Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and
Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CROSBY of Topsham, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook,
HAMPER of Oxford, HANLEY of Paris, MILLETT of Waterford, O'BRIEN of Lewiston,
RECTOR of Thomaston, ROBINSON of Raymond, SMITH of Monmouth, Senators:
BROMLEY of Cumberland, DOW of Lincoln.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10254, sub-§1,** as affected by PL 2003, c.
614, §9 and amended by c. 655, Pt. B, §52 and affected by §422,
is further amended to read:

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8 **1. Fund established.** The Maine Wildlife Park Fund,
referred to in this section as the "fund," is established. The
10 fund receives all funds collected by the department from the
operation of the Maine Wildlife Park, including gate fees, the
12 proceeds of any sales at the Maine Wildlife Park and any
donations, grants or other funds presented to the department for
14 the benefit of the Maine Wildlife Park, except that any funds
that are solicited by and earned by volunteers for the benefit of
the Maine Wildlife Park may not be used, directly or indirectly,
16 to supplant appropriations from the General Fund or allocations
from other revenue sources. All money deposited in the fund and
18 the earnings on the money remain in the fund to be used for the
management and maintenance of the Maine Wildlife Park.
20 Unexpended balances in the fund at the end of the fiscal year are
nonlapsing and must be carried forward to the next fiscal year to
22 be used for the same purposes.

24 **SUMMARY**

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28 This bill provides that volunteer-earned funds of the Maine
Wildlife Park may not be used to reduce overall state funding of
the park.