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Majority

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1474, L.D. 2088, "Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Allow Maine Residents To Register Their Watercraft Online"

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

'Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Allow Maine Residents To Renew Their Watercraft Registrations Online'

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "of registering watercraft" and inserting the following: 'that provides the option of renewing a watercraft registration'

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the last line (page 1, line 4 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "vehicles." the following: 'The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall charge a fee that is in addition to the regular registration fee to cover both its administrative costs for the online registration of watercraft and, to the extent possible, merchant fees that would otherwise be charged on the excise tax to ensure municipalities do not lose excise tax revenue because of the online registrations; and be it further'

Amend the resolve by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF
Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531**

Initiative: Appropriates funds for labor, agent fees, merchant fees and postage for processing online watercraft registrations.

GENERAL FUND

2007-08

2008-09

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1	Personal Services	\$0	\$13,540
2	All Other	\$0	\$7,790
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
5		\$0	\$21,330

6 **SUMMARY**

7 This amendment clarifies that the online registration of watercraft should be available
8 only for renewing watercraft registrations and directs the Department of Inland Fisheries
9 and Wildlife to recoup its administrative costs for providing online registration and, to the
10 extent possible, merchant fees charged on the excise tax to ensure municipalities do not
11 lose excise tax revenue because of the online registrations.

12 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
13 **(See attached)**



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LD 2088

LR 2769(02)

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Allow Maine Residents To Register Their Watercraft Online

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

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$830	\$101	(\$734)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$21,330	\$22,651	\$24,071
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	\$20,500	\$22,550	\$24,805

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Includes a General Fund appropriation of \$21,330 in fiscal year 2008-09 for additional labor, agent fees, merchant fees and postage cost involved in processing on-line boat registrations. Additional revenue of \$20,500 is expected in fiscal year 2008-2009 from an administrative fee of \$5 per on-line registration, resulting in a net cost of \$830.