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L.D. 2223

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**STATE OF MAINE
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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1589, L.D. 2223, Bill, "An Act To Expand the Natural Resources Protection Act Compensation Program"

Amend the bill by incorporating the attached fiscal note.

SUMMARY

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

SPONSORED BY: 

(Senator MARTIN)

COUNTY: Aroostook

SENATE AMENDMENT



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LD 2223

LR 3510(04)

An Act To Expand the Natural Resources Protection Act Compensation Program

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Martin of Aroostook

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - Other Funds
Current biennium revenue increase - Other Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation expands the Natural Resource Protection Act to provide another option for wetland compensation utilizing the in-lieu fee program for significant wildlife habitats. The Department of Environmental Protection will contract with the Nature Conservancy to handle the fees and administer the program. The Nature Conservancy, with oversight from the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the State Planning Office and other federal agencies will award grants to project sponsors to encourage the protection of wetland and habitat areas across the state. The Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will develop an alternate fee structure for designated significant wildlife areas.