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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
125TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 155, L.D. 563, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Use a Portion of the Sales and Use Tax for the Protection of Maine's Fish and Wildlife"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the first indented paragraph after the title (page 1, lines 12 and 13 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'Amend the resolution by striking out all of that part designated "Constitution, Art. IX, §24" (page 1, lines 4 to 10 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'Constitution, Art. IX, §24 is enacted to read:

Section 24. Revenues dedicated to fish and wildlife resources protection.
In addition to the appropriation of funds required under section 22, a total of 1.25% of revenues raised by means of the sales and use tax laws must be allocated to the following 2 departments: 90% of the revenue raised pursuant to this section must be allocated to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or any successor agency responsible for fisheries and wildlife management, other than commercial marine fisheries management, to be used only for the protection of the State's fish and wildlife resources; and 10% of the revenue raised pursuant to this section must be allocated to the Department of Marine Resources or any successor agency responsible for diadromous fish management to be used only to protect, conserve, restore, manage and enhance diadromous fish populations and their habitat in all waters of the State. This section applies to fiscal years beginning on and after July 1, 2013.'

SUMMARY

This amendment requires that 10% of sales and use tax revenues dedicated to fish and wildlife resources protection be allocated to the Department of Marine Resources to be used only to protect, conserve, restore, manage and enhance diadromous fish populations and their habitat in all waters of the State. It requires that 90% of sales and use tax revenues dedicated to fish and wildlife resources protection be allocated to the

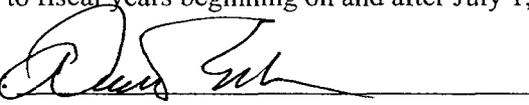
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SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 155, L.D. 563

1 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It provides that the constitutional
2 amendment applies to fiscal years beginning on and after July 1, 2013.

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SPONSORED BY: 

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(Senator TRAHAN)

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COUNTY: Lincoln

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Use a Portion of the Sales and Use Tax for the Protection of Maine's Fish and Wildlife

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" S-237

Sponsor: Sen. Trahan of Lincoln

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Delay of contingent impact

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any impact of the bill is contingent on approval by the voters at referendum. Delaying the effective date until fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2013 will move any fiscal impacts out of the 2012-2013 biennium. This will restore the General Fund revenue losses of \$6,259,211 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$11,787,749 in fiscal year 2012-13, as well as the Other Special Revenue Funds revenue losses of \$329,432 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$712,978 in fiscal year 2012-13 that would have occurred as a result of the committee amendment. The dedicated revenue that would have accrued to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources in the 2012-2013 biennium as a result of the committee amendment will now impact these agencies in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15.