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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
126TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1198,  
L.D. 1626, Bill, "An Act To Leverage Expert, State-based Resources for Emergent  
Intervention and Long-term Comprehensive Resource Protection of Lakes"

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before  
the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1866 is enacted to read:

**§1866. Eradication of Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund**

The Eradication of Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund, referred to in  
this section as "the fund," is created within the department as a nonlapsing fund. The  
fund is funded from annual transfers from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying  
Account, General Fund account within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.  
Money in the fund may be used only for eradication of invasive aquatic plant and  
nuisance species. Eradication does not include containing, monitoring or inspecting  
invasive aquatic plant and nuisance species. The fund may be used to provide grants to  
municipalities or other entities for eradication programs to protect the inland waters of the  
State from invasive aquatic plant and nuisance species.

**Sec. 2. Transfer; unexpended funds; Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
Carrying Account.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller  
shall transfer \$246,650, to the extent available, from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
Carrying Account, General Fund account within the Department of Inland Fisheries and  
Wildlife to the Eradication of Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund  
established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1866 by July 10, 2014. In  
every subsequent fiscal year, the State Controller shall transfer \$517,930, to the extent  
available, from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Account, General Fund  
account within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the Eradication of  
Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund by July 10th.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
allocations are made.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF  
Eradication of Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund N176**

**HOUSE AMENDMENT**

1 Initiative: Provides an allocation of \$246,650 in fiscal year 2014-15 for eradicating  
2 invasive aquatic plant and nuisance species.

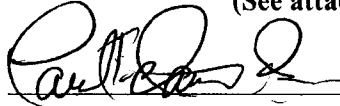
3	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
4	All Other	\$0	\$246,650
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6	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$246,650</u>
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8 **SUMMARY**

9 This amendment removes from Committee Amendment "A" the provisions that  
10 increase fees for watercraft operating on the inland waters of the State and for lake and  
11 river protection stickers and provides from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying  
12 Account, General Fund account within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to  
13 the Eradication of Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund established in this  
14 amendment the amount of money that would have been raised by the fee increases. This  
15 money must be used by the Department of Environmental Protection only for eradicating  
16 invasive aquatic plant and nuisance species and may be used for grants to lake  
17 associations and municipalities for eradication programs.

18 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

19 (See attached)

20 SPONSORED BY:   
21 (Representative DAVIS)  
22 TOWN: Sangerville



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1626

LR 2468(04)

## An Act To Leverage Expert, State-based Resources for Emergent Intervention and Long-term Comprehensive Resource Protection of Lakes

Fiscal Note for House Amendment **B** to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Davis, Sr. of Sangerville

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$246,650	\$517,930	\$517,930
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$246,650)	(\$517,930)	(\$517,930)
<b>Transfers</b>				
General Fund - IF&W carrying account	\$0	(\$246,650)	(\$517,930)	(\$517,930)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$246,650	\$517,930	\$517,930

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The amendment eliminates the fee increases provided in the committee amendment. It also establishes the Eradication of Invasive Species Fund, an Other Special Revenue Funds account, to be used for eradicating invasive aquatic plants and nuisance species and transfers \$246,650 in fiscal year 2014-15 from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Account within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W) to the Eradication of Invasive Species Fund. Future transfers may not be able to take place if there are not sufficient funds within the carrying account. There could be a negative General Fund impact if the carrying account's balance becomes too low, requiring a General Fund appropriation to the account to comply with the State constitutional requirement that the IF&W's General Fund appropriations equal or exceed the amount of General Fund revenue collected by the department.