

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 16, 2015

**An Act To Assist Towns in Eradicating Milfoil and Other Invasive
Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

Robert B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.

1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** invasive aquatic plants and nuisance species such as milfoil pose a
4 substantial threat to the environment and economy of the State; and

5 **Whereas,** effective removal and control of infestations of invasive aquatic plants
6 and nuisance species can be achieved only through adequately funded programs; and

7 **Whereas,** the infestation of Maine's lakes by invasive aquatic plants and nuisance
8 species is worsening, and the funding needs of municipalities and other entities working
9 to combat these issues must be addressed immediately; and

10 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
11 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
12 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
13 therefore,

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

15 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
16 allocations are made.

17 **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF**

18 **Land and Water Quality 0248**

19 Initiative: Provides funding in fiscal years 2014-15 and 2015-16 to the Invasive Aquatic
20 Plant and Nuisance Species Fund to supplement existing funds used for the inspection of
21 watercraft and for the containment and eradication of invasive aquatic plants and
22 nuisance species.

23 GENERAL FUND	2014-15	2015-16
24	\$900,000	\$900,000
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26 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$900,000	\$900,000

27 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF**

28 **Enforcement Operations - IF&W 0537**

29 Initiative: Provides funding in fiscal years 2014-15 and 2015-16 to the Lake and River
30 Protection Fund to supplement existing funds used for the inspection of watercraft, the
31 eradication and management of invasive aquatic plants and nuisance species and the
32 production and distribution of lake and river protection stickers.

33 GENERAL FUND	2014-15	2015-16
34	\$225,000	\$225,000
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36 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$225,000	\$225,000

