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L.D. 1636

Date: 3-22-16

(Filing No. S-421)

**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**SENATE**

**127TH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 663, L.D. 1636, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Endangered and Threatened Species"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

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

**Whereas,** the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's ability to effectively manage endangered and threatened species in conjunction with human activity is key to the protection and recovery of a listed species; and

**Whereas,** this legislation provides the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with tools necessary to properly manage listed endangered and threatened species; and

**Whereas,** it is critical that this legislation take effect immediately to ensure the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife can properly manage 3 recently listed bat species in conjunction with timber harvesting and other human activities; and

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

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

**'Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill, making it effective upon approval.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1636

LR 2727(02)

## An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Endangered and Threatened Species

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-421)  
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund  
Minor revenue decrease - General Fund

#### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Eliminates Class D and Class E crimes.  
A reduction in fines will decrease General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from making changes related to the incidental take of an endangered or threatened species are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.