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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
December 1, 2004 to March 30, 2005

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
April 4, 2005 to June 18, 2005

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JUNE 29, 2005

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license application form a preference to change the management area in which the person harvests sea cucumbers. The commissioner shall stamp each sea cucumber drag license application form with the time and date of submission.

3. Conditions for authorization. A request to change management areas is authorized based on the commissioner's assessment of the ability of the management area to sustain additional fishing effort. The commissioner shall authorize management area change requests in chronological order of requests received under this section.

4. Limitation on approving management area change. The commissioner may not authorize a management area change during the period from October 1st to June 30th.

5. Effective date of management area change. The effective date of a management area change authorized by the commissioner is October 1st.

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CHAPTER 28

S.P. 37 - L.D. 95

An Act To Support the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Forestry's Aerial Fire Suppression Program

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8908 is enacted to read:

§8908. Aerial Fire Suppression Fund

1. Establishment of fund. The Aerial Fire Suppression Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established through the Office of the State Controller as a nonlapsing fund under the jurisdiction of the bureau to ensure the viability of its aerial fire suppression program. The bureau may assess charges to agencies of the State for the use of the bureau's aerial fire suppression resources for purposes other than fire suppression and shall deposit any such money received into the fund. The bureau may apply for and accept any appropriation, grant, gift or service made available from any public or private source consistent with the purpose of this section and shall deposit any such money into the fund.

2. Use of fund. The bureau may use the fund to purchase aerial fire suppression resources, including helicopters, airplanes and spare parts, in accordance

with the bureau's plan to diversify and modernize its aerial fire suppression fleet.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Division of Forest Protection 0232

Initiative: Allocates funds for the newly established Aerial Fire Suppression Fund.

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| OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE | | |
| FUNDS | 2005-06 | 2006-07 |
| All Other | \$75,000 | \$75,000 |
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| OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE | | |
| FUNDS TOTAL | \$75,000 | \$75,000 |

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CHAPTER 29

H.P. 406 - L.D. 551

An Act To Amend the Budget Timetable for Oxford County

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §893, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 204, §2, is amended to read:

2. Budget estimate; submission to budget advisory committee. The Oxford County commissioners shall submit a budget estimate for the coming year to the budget advisory committee no later than November 1st of each year. The budget advisory committee shall review the budget estimate and prepare the budget. The budget must be presented to the county commissioners before December 1st of each year. The county commissioners shall act on the budget in a timely fashion, not later than the 3rd Tuesday in December ~~15th~~ of the year preceding the budget year. If the adopted budget is changed by the county commissioners, the budget advisory committee may reject that change by a 2/3 vote of its membership. Those actions are final and not subject to further action by either the county commissioners or the budget advisory committee.

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