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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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for small wind power generators pursuant to this section.

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Commission" means the Public Utilities Commission.

B. "Small wind power generator" means an electricity-generating installation certified by the commission at any one site that includes a turbine of not more than 10 kilowatts that is powered entirely by wind energy and intended to serve the electricity needs of a household or small business.

2. Pilot projects. The commission may develop an application process and provide funding to support pilot projects involving the installation of a small wind power generator up to the amount of funding appropriated for this purpose.

3. Qualification. The commission may certify any project as a small wind power generator if the commission determines that the project provides an efficient and effective means of generating electricity for a household or small business.

4. Report. The commission shall submit a report on the small wind power generator pilot project to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs no later than January 12, 2010. The report must include a detailed description of the approved projects, the amount of power generated and the economic advantage of the investment in small wind power generators.

5. Expiration. Any pilot project developed pursuant to this section must expire no later than June 30, 2010; and be it further

Sec. 2. Transfer of funds from Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund. Resolved: That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer \$30,800 by June 30, 2009 from the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund. The State Controller shall also transfer the equitable share of health insurance savings to each participating fund by June 30, 2009. The fund transfers are to recognize health insurance savings achieved through changes to be adopted by the State Employee Health Commission; and be it further

Sec. 3. Transfer of funds from Retiree Health Insurance Internal Service Fund. Resolved: That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer \$9,200 by June

30, 2009 from the Retiree Health Insurance Internal Service Fund in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund. The State Controller shall also transfer the equitable share of retiree health insurance savings to each participating fund by June 30, 2009. The fund transfers are to recognize retiree health insurance savings achieved through changes to be adopted by the State Employee Health Commission; and be it further

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for the small wind power generator pilot project.

GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
All Other	\$0	\$40,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$40,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 227

H.P. 1474 - L.D. 2088

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Allow Maine Residents To Renew Their Watercraft Registrations Online and To Direct the State Controller To Make Certain Transfers

Sec. 1. Registering watercraft online. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall institute a system that provides the option of renewing a watercraft registration through a safe and secure website in order to make the registering of watercraft as convenient to the public as the online registering of motor vehicles and all-terrain vehicles. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall charge a fee that is in addition to the regular registration fee to cover both its administrative costs for the online registration of watercraft and, to the extent possible, merchant fees that would otherwise be charged on the excise tax to ensure municipalities do not lose excise tax revenue because of the online registrations; and be it further

Sec. 2. Transfer; Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife carrying account; working capital advance for Swan Island. Re-

solved: That the State Controller shall transfer \$21,786 no later than August 1, 2008 from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife carrying account to the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide cash as a working capital advance for the operation of Swan Island. In fiscal year 2008-09, the State Controller shall transfer revenue credited to the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 12701, subsection 4 to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife carrying account until the \$21,786 working capital advance has been repaid; and be it further

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.
Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE,
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
0531**

Initiative: Appropriates funds for labor, agent fees, merchant fees and postage for processing online watercraft registrations.

GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
Personal Services	\$0	\$13,540
All Other	\$0	\$7,790
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$21,330

See title page for effective date.
