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Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than February 1, 2012.

Sec. 8. Outreach and public education. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, with the assistance of sporting groups, shall continue efforts to restructure and increase the budget of the department's Division of Public Information and Education and to continue an ongoing relationship with the State's deer hunters using surveys, newsletters and the department's publicly accessible website to keep hunters current and involved in the implementation of the department's Maine Game Plan for Deer. The department shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than February 1, 2012.

Sec. 9. Maine Game Plan for Deer. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall expand its Maine Game Plan for Deer to the entire State and submit that plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than February 1, 2012.

Sec. 10. Predator control. If funding is available, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall develop and implement a program to control predation on deer that includes, but is not limited to:

1. Organization of an advisory group of professional guides and trappers to help develop and implement the program;
2. Utilization of both hunters and trappers for the program;
3. Utilization of animal damage control techniques and agents trained in animal damage control techniques; and
4. Increases in the funding of animal damage control efforts related to the program.

The department shall report its progress on developing and implementing the program to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than February 1, 2012.

Sec. 11. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Establishes the Predator Control and Deer Habitat Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2011-12	2012-13
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL	\$500	\$500
REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL		

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CHAPTER 382

S.P. 260 - L.D. 856

An Act To Change the Campaign Contribution Limits

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2009, c. 286, §2, is further amended to read:

1. Individuals. An individual may not make contributions to a candidate in support of the candidacy of one person aggregating more than \$750 ~~\$1,500~~ in any election for a gubernatorial candidate or, more than \$350 ~~more than \$350~~ for a legislative candidate, more than \$350 ~~more than \$350~~ for a candidate for municipal office and beginning January 1, 2012 more than \$750 ~~more than \$750~~ for a candidate for municipal office or more than \$750 in any election for any other candidate. This limitation does not apply to contributions in support of a candidate by that candidate or that candidate's spouse or domestic partner. Beginning December 1, 2010, contribution limits in accordance with this subsection are adjusted every 2 years based on the Consumer Price Index as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and rounded to the nearest amount divisible by \$25. The commission shall post the current contribution limit and the amount of the next adjustment and the date that it will become effective on its publicly accessible website and include this information with any publication to be used as a guide for candidates.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2009, c. 286, §3, is further amended to read:

2. Committees; corporations; associations. A political committee, political action committee, other committee, firm, partnership, corporation, association or organization may not make contributions to a candidate in support of the candidacy of one person aggregating more than \$750 ~~\$750~~ \$1,500 in any election for a gubernatorial candidate or, more than \$350 ~~more than \$350~~ for a legislative candidate, more than \$350 ~~more than \$350~~ for a candidate for municipal office and beginning January 1, 2012 more than \$750 ~~more than \$750~~ for a candidate for municipal office or more than \$750 in any election for any other candidate. Beginning December 1, 2010, contribution limits in accordance with this subsection are adjusted every 2

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CHAPTER 383

H.P. 857 - L.D. 1159

An Act To Amend the Identification Requirements under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2423-A, sub-§§7 and 8 are enacted to read:

7. Excess marijuana; forfeiture. A person who possesses marijuana seedlings, marijuana plants or prepared marijuana in excess of the limits provided in this section and rules adopted under this section must forfeit the excess amounts to a law enforcement officer. The law enforcement officer is authorized to remove all excess marijuana seedlings, marijuana plants and prepared marijuana in order to catalog the amount of excess marijuana. Possession of marijuana in excess of the limits provided in this section and rules adopted under this section is a violation as follows:

A. Possession of marijuana in an excess amount up to 2 1/2 ounces is a violation of section 2383; and

B. Possession of marijuana in an excess amount over 2 1/2 ounces is a violation of Title 17-A, chapter 45.

8. Repeat forfeiture. If a cardholder has previously forfeited excess marijuana pursuant to subsection 7 and a subsequent forfeiture occurs, the department shall revoke the registry identification card of the cardholder and the entire amount of marijuana seedlings, marijuana plants and prepared marijuana must be forfeited to a law enforcement officer. The department shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2425, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2009, c. 631, §32 and affected by §51, is further amended to read:

5. Registry identification card issuance. The department shall issue registry identification cards to registered patients, to registered primary caregivers and to staff of hospice providers and nursing facilities named as primary caregivers within 5 days of approving an application or renewal under this section. Registry identification cards expire one year after the date of issuance except that the date of issuance and expiration date of a registered primary caregiver's registry identification card must be the same as the issuance and expiration dates on the patient's registry identification card. Registry identification cards must contain:

A. The name, address and date of birth of the ~~patient~~ cardholder;

~~B. The name, address and date of birth of each registered primary caregiver, if any, of the patient;~~

C. The date of issuance and expiration date of the registry identification card;

D. A random identification number that is unique to the cardholder; and

~~E. A photograph, if required by the department; and~~

F. ~~For a registered primary caregiver, a~~ A clear designation showing whether the cardholder is allowed under this chapter to cultivate marijuana plants ~~for the patient's medical use.~~

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2425, sub-§8, ¶G, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 631, §34 and affected by §51, is amended to read:

G. Records maintained by the department pursuant to this chapter that identify applicants for a registry identification card, registered patients, registered primary caregivers and registered patients' physicians are confidential and may not be disclosed except as provided in this subsection and as follows:

(1) To department employees who are responsible for carrying out this chapter;

(2) Pursuant to court order or subpoena issued by a court;

(3) With written permission of the patient or the patient's guardian, if the patient is under guardianship, or a parent, if the patient has not attained 18 years of age;

(4) As permitted or required for the disclosure of health care information pursuant to section 1711-C;

(5) To a law enforcement official for law enforcement purposes. The records may not be disclosed further than necessary to achieve the limited goals of a specific investigation; and