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<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>(COMMITTEE REPORT) DISPOSITION</u>
2320	AN ACT TO REIMBURSE THE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE FOR DUTIES PERFORMED WHICH ARE MANDATORY NONFISH AND NONGAME RELATED.	MacEachern	INDEF. PP.

SUMMARY: This bill sought reimbursement from the General Fund to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for expenses arising out of duties performed by department personnel which are not related to fish or game activities.

2321	AN ACT TO IMPROVE CASH FLOW IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE	MacEachern	PL 1983, c. 792
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SUMMARY: This bill permits early purchase of 1985 licenses or permits at the 1984 fee. This incentive for early purchase will provide the department with early payment, increasing funds available to the department at a traditionally low revenue period early in the license year.

2336	AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUNDING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE.	MacEachern	PL 1983, c. 807
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SUMMARY: This bill made major changes in funding the Department as follows:

1. Allocates funds in line-item form for fiscal year 1984-85 to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and establishes a position count and provides that the allocation of these funds will be decreased automatically by any appropriation from the General Fund.
2. Allocates federal funds for the operation of the Department of Inland Fisheries and wildlife for fiscal year 1984-85.(Part B)
3. Allocates funds from the Maine Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund for fiscal year 1984-85 to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. (Part C)
4. Allocates federal funds received from the Recreational Boating Safety Financial Assistance Program for fiscal year 1984-85 to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. (Part D)
5. Ensures the elimination of the position of Staff Attorney and Assistant to the Commissioner. (Part E)
6. Contains provisions governing the expenditure of funds for the Division of Fisheries and Hatcheries and provides that personnel shall not be reassigned to other positions within the division. (Part F)

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	7. Provides that Capital Expenditures in fiscal year 1985 will be the first line-item category to be reduced if the department needs to bring expenditures into line with revenues and freezes the level of expenditures in fiscal year 1983-84 on Capital Expenditures. (Part G)		
	8. Provides for the borrowing of up to \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to be paid back with interest by June 30, 1985. (Part 8)		
	9. Requires the department to keep a flight plan and journal system and provide a summary to the joint standing committee of the Legislature have jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife. (Part I)		
	10. Provides for a report on the Nongame Wildlife Program and ensures that all funds expended are allocated by the Legislature. (Part J)		
	11. Requires the purchase of a migratory waterfowl permit in the form of a stamp to hunt migratory waterfowl. This stamp is in addition to a federal stamp which is currently required. It authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to conduct an art contest to select the design of the stamp and any related art work, such as prints. Sale of the stamps and prints should provide additional operating revenues to the department. (Part L)		
	In order to expedite the design and reproduction of stamps and their art work for the 1984 fall season, it is necessary to give the commissioner authority, for the 1984 season, to contract directly with marketing representatives prior to the promulgation of any rules to carry out the Migratory Waterfowl Stamp Program.		
	Administrative costs of the program are assumed by the marketing representative and no department funds will be required to administer this program.		
	12. Ensures that an evaluation report on activities carried out by the Division of Fisheries and Hatcheries and the Division of Wildlife Management and Visitors Center be provided to the joint standing committee of the Legislature have jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife. (Part M)		
	13. Reinstates the majority of positions that have been eliminated due to the staff layoffs by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.		
	14. Ensures that the department continues the operation of 7 regional offices. (Part R)		
	15. Provides for across-the-board increases in the license fees of \$2 in fiscal year 1984-85, plus an additional \$1 in fiscal year 1986, and an additional \$1 in fiscal year 1987, except for combination licenses which will increase by \$4 in fiscal year 1985, \$2 in fiscal year 1986 and \$2 in fiscal year 1987. There is no increase in the junior licenses. This did not affect Atlantic Salmon permit fees which were raised by other legislation earlier in the session. (Part Q)		
	16. Provides a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife of \$358,000 to reimburse for reasonable costs of search and rescue incurred for fiscal years 1960 to 1983. (Part S)		