**An Act To Fund Wildlife Rehabilitators**

L.D. 1012

Date: (Filing No. H- )

**Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “      ” to H.P. 750, L.D. 1012, “An Act To Fund Wildlife Rehabilitators”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Program'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting the following:

'**Sec. 1. Transfer.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer $75,000 during fiscal year 2021-22 and $75,000 during fiscal year 2022-23 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 10302.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.**  The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund 0829**

Initiative: Provides an allocation for maintaining, improving and expanding state and local natural resource conservation programs and associated compatible public uses.

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| **OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** |
| All Other | $75,000 | $75,000 |
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| OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL | $75,000 | $75,000 |

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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill. It provides $75,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in each year of the biennium to support the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund program. Under the program, grants are made to various project categories, including for endangered and threatened species conservation. Wildlife rehabilitators may receive grants under this category.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**