



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 105

House of Representatives, January 13, 2023

### **An Act to Fund the Lake Restoration and Protection Fund**

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Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BRIDGEO of Augusta.  
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and  
Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, HASENFUS of Readfield, LaROCHELLE of  
Augusta, NUTTING of Oakland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §480-N, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

3 **6. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus.** On or before June 30th  
4 of each fiscal year, beginning June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer \$9,000,000  
5 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Environmental  
6 Protection, Lake Restoration and Protection Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account  
7 to provide payments to help fund costs related to eligible projects in the State that improve  
8 or maintain the quality of lake waters in the State.

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

11 **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF**

12 **Lake Restoration and Protection Fund 0555**

13 Initiative: Provides ongoing allocations to allow for expenditures regarding projects that  
14 meet specific criteria and improve or maintain the quality of lake waters in the State.

15 <b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
16 All Other	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
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18 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$9,000,000</u>	<u>\$9,000,000</u>

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill provides ongoing allocations of \$9,000,000 to the Department of  
21 Environmental Protection, Lake Restoration and Protection Fund to help fund costs related  
22 to projects that improve or maintain the quality of lake waters.