An Act to Fund the Lake Restoration and Protection Fund

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

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

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

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

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

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF
Lake Restoration and Protection Fund 0555

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

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL | $9,000,000 | $9,000,000 |

SUMMARY

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