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An Act To Fund Wildlife Rehabilitators

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FAY of Raymond.

1 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** the work of wildlife rehabilitators requires funding; and

4 **Whereas,** the next deadline for Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund grant applicants to start
5 the grant application process is July 15, 2021, which is before the expiration of the 90-day
6 period; and

7 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
8 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
9 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
10 therefore,

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

12 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10307, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and
13 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

14 **1. Fisheries and wildlife; habitat conservation.** ~~Thirty-five~~ Thirty percent of the
15 money in the fund for fisheries and wildlife and habitat conservation projects;

16 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10307, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and
17 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

18 **3. Endangered and threatened species.** ~~Fifteen~~ Ten percent of the money in the fund
19 for endangered and threatened species conservation projects; ~~and~~

20 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §10307, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and
21 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

22 **4. Natural resources law enforcement.** Fifteen percent of the money in the fund for
23 natural resources law enforcement; and

24 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §10307, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

25 **5. Wildlife rehabilitation.** Ten percent of the money in the fund for wildlife
26 rehabilitation projects.

27 **Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §10309, sub-§3, ¶F,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2
28 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

29 F. Available matching funds; ~~and~~

30 **Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §10309, sub-§4, ¶E,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2
31 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

32 E. Available matching funds; and

33 **Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §10309, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

34 **5. Wildlife rehabilitation.** For the category of wildlife rehabilitation:

35 A. A species or species group under subsection 1;

36 B. A species or species group under subsection 3;

37 C. Fish or wildlife of statewide or regional significance;

