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Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

‘**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6022, sub-§20** is enacted to read:

20. Sale of general merchandise. The commissioner may engage in the selling and marketing of general merchandise products when the express purpose is to accommodate public demand and generate supplemental funds for the Bureau of Marine Patrol.

A. The commissioner may create dedicated accounts for depositing money received from the sale of general merchandise products pursuant to this subsection.

B. Funds received by the commissioner from the sale of general merchandise products pursuant to this subsection must be deposited in a dedicated account to be used only to market, promote and increase public awareness of the Bureau of Marine Patrol and to recruit marine patrol officers.’

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3.

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

SUMMARY

This amendment strikes the portion of the bill that provides authority for a marine patrol officer to use covert electronic surveillance to inspect watercraft or vehicles used in a licensed marine resources activity. This amendment also provides authority for the Commissioner of Marine Resources to sell general merchandise to support the Bureau of Marine Patrol.