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House of Representatives, February 1, 2011

An Act To Establish the Wilderness Rescue Fund

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, DAVIS of Sangerville, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, PETERSON of Rumford, Senator: PATRICK of Oxford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10263** is enacted to read:

3 **§10263. Wilderness Rescue Fund**

4 The Wilderness Rescue Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established
5 in the department as a nonlapsing fund to be used by the commissioner to fund or assist in
6 funding the establishment of first aid equipment stations in areas where first aid
7 equipment may not be readily available for search and rescue operations performed by
8 the department. The fund may not be used to fund personnel services costs or general
9 costs associated with search and rescue operations. The commissioner may accept and
10 deposit into the fund any monetary gifts, donations or other contributions from public or
11 private sources and shall use that money for the purposes specified in this section.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill establishes the Wilderness Rescue Fund in the Department of Inland
14 Fisheries and Wildlife for the purpose of establishing first aid equipment stations in areas
15 where first aid equipment may not be readily available for search and rescue operations
16 by the department.