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**An Act To Promote Economic Development and Outdoor
Recreation through Investment in State Parks**

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, SKOLFIELD of Weld.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1819, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 1, Pt. J, §1 and c. 405,
3 Pt. A, §24, is further amended to read:

4 Unless otherwise provided by law, and after payment of any existing lease for Crescent
5 Beach State Park, all user fees derived from use of state parks, historic sites and the
6 Allagash Wilderness Waterway and other payments for services received under this section
7 must accrue to the General Fund, except that all revenues resulting from an increase in fees
8 after July 1, 1990 in the Allagash Wilderness Waterway accrue to a dedicated revenue
9 account to be used for capital improvements in the Allagash Wilderness Waterway. All
10 revenue in excess of \$4,500,000, after all other adjustments have been made, accrues to a
11 nonlapsing dedicated revenue account to be used for capital improvements at state parks
12 and historic sites; this account may also be used to match federal allocations from the land
13 and water conservation fund established pursuant to the federal Land and Water
14 Conservation Fund Act of 1965. When fees may be more efficiently collected through 3rd-
15 party contracts, a percentage of the fee may be retained by the contractor for services as
16 agreed upon by the bureau.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill requires all revenue in excess of \$4,500,000 from user fees from state parks,
19 historic sites and the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and other payments for certain
20 services, after all other adjustments have been made, to accrue to a nonlapsing dedicated
21 revenue account to be used for capital improvements at state parks and historic sites; this
22 account may also be used to match federal allocations.