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House of Representatives, March 11, 2025

### An Act to Increase Cash Prizes for Fishing Derbies

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative ALBERT of Madawaska.  
Cosponsored by Senator BERNARD of Aroostook and  
Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, DAIGLE of Fort Kent,  
GUERRETTE of Caribou, MASON of Lisbon, SWALLOW of Houlton.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12504, sub-§3, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 358, §5, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 B. Fixing the maximum total value of prizes that may be awarded at each derby as  
5 long as the maximum cash prize awarded at each derby does not exceed \$50,000,  
6 except that for a derby held on Sebago Lake in Cumberland County and in conjunction  
7 with the department's fisheries management objectives, the maximum total value of  
8 prizes may not exceed \$100,000.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill makes a change to the provisions authorizing the adoption of rules governing  
11 fishing derbies to provide that the maximum cash prize that may be awarded at each derby  
12 is \$50,000.