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### An Act To Change the Name of Captain Ambrose Bear Stream

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §467, sub-§15, ¶E**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 12, §1, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 E. Meduxnekeag River Drainage.

5 (1) Meduxnekeag River, main stem.

6 (a) From the outlet of Meduxnekeag Lake to the international boundary -  
7 Class B.

8 (2) Meduxnekeag River, tributaries - Class B unless otherwise specified.

9 (a) North Branch of the Meduxnekeag River and its tributaries above the  
10 Monticello - T.C, R.2, W.E.L.S. boundary - Class A.

11 (b) Moose Brook and its tributaries, upstream of the Ludlow Road in  
12 Ludlow - Class A.

13 (c) South Branch of the Meduxnekeag River and its tributaries, upstream of  
14 the Oliver Road in Cary - Class A.

15 (d) ~~Captain Ambrose Bear~~ B Stream and tributaries upstream of the Burnt  
16 Brow Bridge in Hammond - Class A.

17 **Sec. 2. Name change from Captain Ambrose Bear Stream to B Stream.**  
18 The county commissioners of Aroostook County shall rename the stream in and near the  
19 Town of Houlton in Aroostook County named Captain Ambrose Bear Stream to B  
20 Stream. The commissioners shall provide notice of the new name to the Commissioner  
21 of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Secretary of the United States Department  
22 of the Interior and other public agencies, boards, committees or other groups responsible  
23 for changing names of places and ensuring that such name changes appear on maps and  
24 other documents.

25 **Sec. 3. Commissioner of Transportation to replace signs.** The  
26 Commissioner of Transportation shall replace any sign that is located on the interstate  
27 highway that contains a reference to Captain Ambrose Bear Stream to comply with  
28 section 2 no later than 30 days after the effective date of this Act.

29 **Sec. 4. Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.** The Commissioner  
30 of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall amend the Department of Inland Fisheries and  
31 Wildlife's rules to change the name of Captain Ambrose Bear Stream to B Stream in all  
32 rules that mention the stream.

33 **SUMMARY**

34 This bill requires the Aroostook County Commissioners to rename Captain Ambrose  
35 Bear Stream in and near the Town of Houlton in Aroostook County to B Stream. The bill  
36 also requires the county commissioners to notify the appropriate authorities and agencies  
37 of the name change. The Department of Transportation is required to change any existing  
38 road signs designating Captain Ambrose Bear Stream to refer to B Stream. The bill also

1 requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend its rules to change the  
2 name of Captain Ambrose Bear Stream to B Stream, and it changes the name where it  
3 appears in statute.