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S.P. 296

In Senate, March 7, 2017

An Act To Increase Funding for the Youth Conservation Corps

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative: BLACK of Wilton.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Department of Environmental Protection to contract with private**
3 **organization in 2018 and 2019.** For the years 2018 and 2019, the Department of
4 Environmental Protection shall distribute the funds appropriated in section 2 through a
5 competitive bid process to a private organization to establish and administer the program
6 to reduce erosion and protect lake water quality under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title
7 38, section 480-JJ. The department shall ensure that any contract entered into with a
8 private organization under this section requires that:

9 1. The erosion control measures described in Title 38, section 480-JJ, subsection 3 be
10 performed in the summers of 2018 and 2019 with labor provided by a youth conservation
11 corps organized or based in the State;

12 2. No more than 10% of the funds appropriated by the Legislature for the program in
13 section 2 or received by the contracted organization as matching funding is used for the
14 administration of the program by the contracted organization;

15 3. The scope of the program as implemented by the contracted organization is
16 determined by the amount of funds appropriated in section 2; and

17 4. The contracted organization disburses to a youth conservation corps no more than
18 \$1 from the funds appropriated for the program in section 2 for every \$2 in matching
19 funds contributed to the program by that youth conservation corps. Federal and state
20 funds may not be considered matching funds under the program.

21 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
22 allocations are made.

23 **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF**

24 **Land and Water Quality 0248**

25 Initiative: Increases from \$20,000 to \$40,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2018-19
26 ongoing funding to contract with a private organization to reduce shoreline erosion and
27 protect lake water quality.

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29	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
30	All Other	\$0	\$20,000
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32	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>

33 **SUMMARY**

34 This bill increases funding beginning in fiscal year 2018-19 for the program
35 established by the 127th Legislature to reduce shoreline erosion and protect lake water
36 quality to be implemented and administered by a private organization contracted with by
37 the Department of Environmental Protection. The bill directs the department for the

1 years 2018 and 2019 to distribute appropriated funds for the program through a
2 competitive bid process and requires the contracted private organization to use labor from
3 a youth conservation corps in the summers of 2018 and 2019 to implement erosion
4 control measures. It provides that the contracted organization is allowed to disburse to a
5 youth conservation corps no more than \$1 of state funding for every \$2 in matching funds
6 contributed by that youth conservation corps.