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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 639, L.D. 865, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Funding Sources of the Maine Controlled Moose Hunt Season"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Provide Funding for Hunting Opportunities for Disabled Veterans'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10201, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Donations for disabled veterans. The commissioner may accept money donated to support hunting opportunities in the State for disabled veterans. Any money donated to the department for this purpose must be transferred to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to be deposited into the Hunting Opportunities for Disabled Veterans Fund established in Title 37-B, section 516.

Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §516 is enacted to read:

§516. Hunting Opportunities for Disabled Veterans Fund

The Hunting Opportunities for Disabled Veterans Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established as a nonlapsing fund administered by the director for the purpose of supporting hunting opportunities in the State for disabled veterans. The fund receives transfers to the fund in accordance with Title 12, section 10201, subsection 7. The director may also accept and deposit into the fund any monetary gifts, donations or other contributions from public or private sources for the purposes of the fund. To the extent funds are available in the fund, the director, with assistance from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, shall request proposals for use of those funds from organizations that provide disabled veterans with hunting opportunities in the State and shall fund those proposals that, as determined by the director, will most effectively support the purposes of the fund. The Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and

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1 Emergency Management may adopt rules governing the process for accepting proposals
2 and disbursing funds from the fund. Rules adopted under this section are routine
3 technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

4 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
5 allocations are made.

6 **DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT**
7 **OF**

8 **Veterans Services 0110**

9 Initiative: Provides an ongoing allocation to establish the Hunting Opportunities for
10 Disabled Veterans Fund to support hunting opportunities for disabled veterans.

11	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2019-20	2020-21
12	All Other	\$500	\$500
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14	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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16 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
17 section number to read consecutively.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft, and changes the title. It
20 allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to accept monetary donations
21 to support hunting opportunities for disabled veterans. It requires the commissioner to
22 transfer those donations to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency
23 Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to be deposited into the Hunting
24 Opportunities for Disabled Veterans Fund, a nonlapsing fund to be used for the purpose
25 of making funds available to organizations that provide disabled veterans with hunting
26 opportunities. The fund may also receive any other monetary gifts, donations or other
27 contributions from public or private sources. The amendment also adds an appropriations
28 and allocations section.

29 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

30 **(See attached)**