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**ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 366, L.D. 1040, Bill, “An Act To Enhance Funding Opportunities for the Youth Conservation Corps”

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §480-II** is enacted to read:

**§480-II. Program to reduce erosion and protect lake water quality**

**1. Program.** The commissioner shall contract with a private organization to establish and administer a program to reduce shoreline erosion and protect lake water quality, as described in subsections 2 and 3, as long as the commissioner determines that there are sufficient funds available to support the program and that a suitable private organization is available to establish and administer the program.

**2. Informational material to be provided.** The program established pursuant to this section may provide for the distribution of informational material on erosion control measures, including planting shrubs, bushes and other vegetation near the shoreline, spreading mulch on bare soil, placing rock riprap along shorelines and building infiltration steps and trenches to direct water into the ground or woods or away from the shoreline.

**3. Erosion control measures to be implemented.** The program established pursuant to this section must facilitate the performance of necessary erosion control measures on or near the shoreline of a lake, pond or great pond.

**4. Program funding.** The program established pursuant to this section is funded by sums that are appropriated by the Legislature or transferred from time to time by the State Controller.

**Sec. 2. Department of Environmental Protection to contract with private organization in 2016 and 2017.** For the years 2016 and 2017, the Department of Environmental Protection shall distribute the funds appropriated in section 3 through a competitive bid process to a private organization to establish and administer the program

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1 to reduce erosion and protect lake water quality under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title  
2 38, section 480-II. The department shall ensure that any contract entered into with a  
3 private organization under this section requires that:

4 1. The erosion control measures described in Title 38, section 480-II, subsection 3 be  
5 performed in the summers of 2016 and 2017 with labor provided by a youth conservation  
6 corps organized or based in the State;

7 2. No more than 10% of the funds appropriated by the Legislature for the program in  
8 section 3 or received by the contracted organization as matching funding is used for the  
9 administration of the program by the contracted organization;

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

12 4. The contracted organization disburses to a youth conservation corps no more than  
13 \$1 from the funds appropriated for the program in section 3 for every \$2 in matching  
14 funds contributed to the program by that youth conservation corps. Federal and state  
15 funds may not be considered matching funds under the program.

16 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
17 allocations are made.

18 **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF**

19 **Land and Water Quality 0248**

20 Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to contract with a private organization to reduce  
21 shoreline erosion and protect lake water quality.

22	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
23	All Other	\$20,000	\$20,000
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25	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>
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27 **SUMMARY**

28 This amendment replaces the bill and creates a program to reduce shoreline erosion  
29 and protect lake water quality to be implemented and administered by a private  
30 organization contracted with by the Department of Environmental Protection. Under the  
31 bill, the department would administer the program. The amendment directs the  
32 department to distribute appropriated funds through a competitive bid process to  
33 implement and administer the program and stipulates that the contracted private  
34 organization must use labor from a youth conservation corps in the summers of 2016 and  
35 2017 to implement erosion control measures and that the contracted organization is  
36 allowed to disburse to a youth conservation corps no more than \$1 of state funding for

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1 every \$2 in matching funds contributed by that youth conservation corps. The  
2 amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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**(See attached)**