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SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to S.P. 86, L.D. 250, Bill, “An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013”

Amend the amendment by striking out all of Part J and inserting the following:

'PART J

Sec. J-1. 12 MRSA §1819, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 678, §13 and amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §7, is further amended to read:

Unless otherwise provided by law, and after payment of any existing lease for Crescent Beach State Park, all user fees derived from use of state parks, historic sites and the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and other payments for services received under this section must accrue to the General Fund, except that all revenues resulting from an increase in fees after July 1, 1990 in the Allagash Wilderness Waterway accrue to a dedicated revenue account to be used for capital improvements in the Allagash Wilderness Waterway. When fees may be more efficiently collected through 3rd-party contracts, a percentage of the fee may be retained by the contractor for services as agreed upon by the division.

Sec. J-2. Lease term; negotiating deadline; report. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall execute a lease for Crescent Beach State Park no later than April 24, 2013 and shall report the terms and conditions of the lease to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than May 24, 2013. The term of the lease executed may not exceed 5 years. Any proposed extension or renewal of the lease beyond the 5-year term is subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment strikes Part J and replaces it to provide that user fees from the use of state parks, historic sites and the Allagash Wilderness Waterway accrue to the General Fund after payment of any existing lease for Crescent Beach State Park. This amendment also directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to execute a lease for Crescent Beach State Park no later than April 24, 2013 and to report the terms and conditions of the lease, which may not exceed 5 years, to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

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