

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

H.P. 639 - L.D. 865

An Act To Provide Funding for Hunting Opportunities for Disabled Veterans**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:****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 Emergency Management may adopt rules governing the process for accepting proposals and disbursing funds from the fund. Rules adopted under this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Veterans Services 0110

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

| OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
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| All Other | \$500 | \$500 |
| OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL | \$500 | \$500 |