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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 663, L.D. 1636, Bill, “An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Endangered and Threatened Species”

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's ability to effectively manage endangered and threatened species in conjunction with human activity is key to the protection and recovery of a listed species; and

Whereas, this legislation provides the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with tools necessary to properly manage listed endangered and threatened species; and

Whereas, it is critical that this legislation take effect immediately to ensure the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife can properly manage 3 recently listed bat species in conjunction with timber harvesting and other human activities; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill, making it effective upon approval.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT