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House of Representatives, March 15, 2011

### **An Act To Encourage the Promotion of Outdoor Recreational Activities**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative DAVIS of Sangerville.  
Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, BURNS of Whiting, CRAFTS of Lisbon, FREDETTE of  
Newport, HARMON of Palermo, SARTY of Denmark, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, WOOD of  
Sabattus.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13090-K, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

3 **4. Outdoor recreation activities.** A minimum of 25% of funds received by the  
4 Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund in accordance with subsection 2 must be used as  
5 provided for in this subsection. For purposes of this subsection, "outdoor natural  
6 resources-based recreational activities" means activities regulated under Title 12, Part 13  
7 and "outdoor natural resources-based nonconsumptive uses" means noncommercial  
8 outdoor activities that are not regulated under Title 12, Part 13, including but not limited  
9 to hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, kayaking, canoeing and wildlife watching.  
10 This subsection does not apply to commercial marine-based activities regulated under  
11 Title 12, Part 9.

12 A. Eighty-five percent of the funds identified in this subsection must be used to  
13 promote outdoor natural resources-based recreational activities in the State.

14 B. Fifteen percent of the funds identified in this subsection must be used to promote  
15 outdoor natural resources-based nonconsumptive uses in the State.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill provides that 25% of the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund within the  
18 Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Tourism must be used  
19 for the promotion of noncommercial, outdoor natural resources-based activities. It  
20 requires that 85% of the 25% go to promote outdoor activities under the jurisdiction of  
21 the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and that the remaining 15% go to  
22 promote outdoor nonconsumptive activities such as cross-country skiing, kayaking,  
23 hiking and wildlife watching.