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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, youth conservation education is critical to the future of Maine's natural resources; and

Whereas, a significant portion of funding for youth conservation education programs comes from the auction of moose hunting permits and the demand for these programs has far exceeded the revenues generated by the current auction of 5 permits; and

Whereas, this Act needs to take effect immediately to allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to add to the 2007 moose hunting permit auction an additional 5 permits to more adequately meet the needs of those who wish to attend the youth conservation education programs this year; 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 in section 1 in subsection 11 in the first paragraph in the last 2 lines (page 1, lines 8 and 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "for the purpose of promoting natural resource conservation education through scholarships for youth conservation programs"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

Sec. 2. Application. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall carry out the purposes of this Act for the 2007 moose hunting permit auction.

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

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF

Public Information and Education, Division of 0729

Initiative: Allocates additional funds for youth conservation education purposes.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2007-08	2008-09
All Other	\$25,000	\$25,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$25,000	\$25,000

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, removes language that would restrict the current use of funds raised by the auction of moose hunting permits and makes the bill effective upon approval.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)