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An Act To Establish a Comprehensive Wildlife Biology Internship Program

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

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Presented by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred.

Cosponsored by Representatives: McCREA of Fort Fairfield, STEARNS of Guilford.

1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: **CONCEPT DRAFT** 2 3 **SUMMARY** This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. 4 5 This bill proposes to create a paid internship program in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in order to provide beginning wildlife biologists with a diversity of 6 opportunities to increase their experience and make them more versatile and more likely 7 8 to pursue careers in the State. 9 The program must: 1. Employ a competitive process to choose interns; 10 2. Offer a paid internship to each chosen participant for a period of no less than 2 11 12 years; 3. Include various fields of study in incremental blocks over the course of the 13 internship; and 14 15 4. Be offered to no fewer than 3 interns per year. It is intended that funding for this program would come, in part, from the 16

consolidation of seasonal and other part-time positions in the Department of Inland

Fisheries and Wildlife the duties of which can be performed by interns participating in the

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