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L.D. 1673

Majority

Date: 3/14/14

(Filing No. S-428)

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

126TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 657, L.D. 1673, Bill, "An Act To Further Delegate Permit-granting Authority to the Bureau of Forestry"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §480-E-3 in the first paragraph in the 4th and 5th lines (page 1, lines 9 and 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "except Indian reservations."

Amend the bill in section 1 in §480-E-3 in the first paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 15 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "harvesting." the following: "Prior to issuing a permit under this section for the mining of gravel used for the construction or maintenance of roads used primarily for timber harvesting in an organized area of the State, the Bureau of Forestry shall consult with the department."

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF
Forest Policy and Management - Division of Z240**

Initiative: Provides funding in fiscal year 2014-15 to make amendments to department rules to delegate more permit-granting authority to the Bureau of Forestry.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
All Other	\$0	\$3,700
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,700</u>

SUMMARY

The bill provides that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry must issue permits under the Natural Resources Protection Act for

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1 timber harvesting activities in all areas of the State, except Indian reservations. This
2 amendment, which is the majority report, strikes the exemption for Indian reservations.

3 The amendment provides that the bureau must consult with the Department of
4 Environmental Protection prior to issuing permits for the mining of gravel used for the
5 construction and maintenance of roads used primarily for timber harvesting in the
6 organized areas of the State.

7 The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

8 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

9 (See attached)



Approved: 03/10/14 *MAC*

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LD 1673

LR 2584(02)

An Act To Further Delegate Permit-granting Authority to the Bureau of Forestry

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-428)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$3,700	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$3,700	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the Bureau of Forestry within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to issue all permits under the Natural Resources Protection Act for timber harvesting in all areas of the State. This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$3,700 in fiscal year 2014-15 for printing, advertising, reporter and room rental costs to conduct public hearings for rule changes to implement this new permitting process.