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**STATE OF MAINE****HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES****132ND LEGISLATURE****FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 164, L.D. 261, "An Act Regarding the Authority of Municipalities to Regulate Timber Harvesting"

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 by striking out all of the 2nd blocked paragraph (page 1, lines 26 and 27 in L.D.).

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in paragraph E-1 in the last line (page 2, line 44 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "with" the following: "the process requirements of"

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 by striking out all of paragraph E-2 (page 3, lines 1 and 2 in L.D.).

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 9 in paragraph C in the first line (page 3, line 23 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "on" and inserting the following: "that has been adopted prior to"

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 9 in paragraph D in the first line (page 3, line 26 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "ordinance" the following: "on or"

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment strikes from the bill the requirement that a timber harvesting ordinance adopted on or after September 1, 1990 and prior to January 1, 2026 meet the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 8869, subsection 8 by June 30, 2029.

The amendment clarifies that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry certifies the process requirements of Title 12, section 8869, subsection 8.

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The amendment also strikes from the bill the requirement that a municipal timber harvesting ordinance be consistent with a comprehensive plan adopted by the legislative body of the municipality.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



Approved: 05/07/25 **LRL**

# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 261

LR 1396(02)

**An Act Regarding the Authority of Municipalities to Regulate Timber Harvesting**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment**

**Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

*A (H-295)*

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry from the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.