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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-1276)
107TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 2310, L.D. 2348, Bill, "AN ACT
Relating to the Suppression of the Spruce Budworm Epidemic."

Amend said Bill in section 3 by striking out all of sub-
section 1 of that part designated "§1017." and inserting in
place thereof the following:

'1. Conditions. Any person owning, or claiming
rights in timber or land within the Spruce Fir^{Forest}~~PRO-~~
tection District and subject to taxation hereunder may,
by April 25, 1976, for the 1976 spray project, and
within 30 days after publication of notice as provided for
by section 1016, subsection 2 in each of the years
thereafter, apply in writing to the State Entomologist
for the withdrawal of not less than 500 acres nor more
than 1,000 acres. Each owner or claimant shall be
entitled to but one withdrawal pursuant to this section
and all acres so withdrawn must be contiguous.'

Further amend said Bill in section 3 by striking out
in the first sentence of subsection 2 of that part designated
"§1023." the following underlined word: "directors" and in-
serting in place thereof the following: 'director'

Further amend said Bill in section 3 by striking out in the first sentence of subsection 3 of that part designated "§1023." the following: "committee" and inserting in place thereof the following: 'director'

Further amend said Bill in section 3 by striking out all of paragraph C of subsection 3 of that part designated "1024."

Further amend said Bill in section 3 by relettering paragraph D to be paragraph C of subsection 3 of that part designated "1024."

Further amend said Bill ^{in section 3} by inserting at the end before the period, of paragraph D of subsection 3 of that part designated "§1024." the following: 'and less the amount of any excise tax paid or assessed under this subchapter on such parcel for the year in which spraying actually takes place'

Statement of Fact

This amendment permits _____ an owner to automatically withdraw one parcel of 500-1,000 acres anywhere in the Spruce Fir/^{Forest}Protection District and therefore be exempted from excise taxation on such parcel. It is expected that the fiscal effect will be minimal.

It permits any owner of land to apply for voluntary inclusion in the spray program upon payment of the nonfederal share of the cost and to have his excise taxes credited towards that payment so he won't, in effect, pay twice.

The amendment also corrects errors in the bill.

Filed by Mr. Smith of Dover-Foxcroft.

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