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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 108TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 179, L.D. 241, Bill, "AN ACT to Raise the Christmas Tree Transportation Registration Fee."

Amend the Bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause the following: 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend the Bill in the 4th line after the enacting clause (same in L.D.) by striking out the figures "\$ \pm \$5" and inserting in its place the following figures: '\$ \pm \$11'

Further amend the Bill in the 8th line after the enacting clause (7th line in L.D.) by striking out the figures " $25 \not \in 50 \not \in$ " and inserting in its place the following figures: ' $25 \not \in \frac{51}{4}$ '

Further amend the Bill by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

'Sec. 2. Christmas tree inspection; appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Conservation the sum of \$9,000 to be used for the purpose of administering this chapter and for providing 2 forest rangers for roving patrol for Christmas tree inspections for an 8-week period beginning the first week in November and extending through the 3rd week in December. One ranger shall cover the east coastal area and the other ranger shall cover the central interior and south coastalarea. Both rangers shall engage in inspection of cutting operations and shall conduct road checks. The breakdown shall be as follows:

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CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Christmas tree inspection

All other

\$9,000'

Statement of Fact

This amendment raises the cost of the Christmas tree transportation registration fee paid by the Christmas tree growers and specifies that the money raised from this fee be used for the enforcement of this chapter.

Reported by the Committee on Agriculture.

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