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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
108th LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1894, L.D. 1951, Bill, "AN ACT to Provide a Lower Registration Fee under the Transportation of Christmas Tree Statutes."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'32 MRSA §4451, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 567, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§4451. Registration required

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, for commercial purposes, to transport Christmas trees or evergreen boughs from private, state or federal lands to any place or places within or outside this State without first registering with the Bureau of Forestry or persons designated by the Director of the Bureau of Forestry, but no registration will be required of landowners or holders of written permits from landowners for cutting or bundling or hauling these trees and boughs to roadside. Forms for registering shall be provided by the director. The annual fee for Christmas tree transport registration, if obtained from the Bureau of Forestry, shall be \$11 payable to the Treasurer of State and credited to the General Fund; and if that registration is obtained from any municipal clerk, the annual fee shall be \$12, \$11 of which shall be payable to the Treasurer of State and credited to the General Fund, and \$1 of which shall be retained by the clerk for the service of issuing the certificates of registration.

The annual fee for each intrastate evergreen bough transport registration, if obtained from the Bureau of Forestry, shall be \$1 payable to the Treasurer of State and credited to the General Fund; and if that registration is obtained from any municipal clerk, the annual fee shall be \$1.50, \$1 of which shall be payable to the Treasurer of State and credited to the General Fund, and 50¢ of which shall be retained by the clerk for the service of issuing the certificates of registration.

The annual fee for each interstate evergreen bough transport registration, if obtained from the Bureau of Forestry, shall be \$11 payable to the Treasurer of State and credited to the General Fund; and if that registration is obtained from any municipal clerk, the annual fee shall be \$12, \$11 of which shall be payable to the Treasurer of State and credited to the General Fund, and \$1 of which shall be retained by the clerk for the service of issuing the certificates of registration.

In the case of any evergreen boughs transported, those boughs shall be severed from the trunks of the trees.

All these registrations shall expire on December 31st of the year issued. A record of all registrations issued shall be kept by the director at his office and shall be open to inspection by any person during reasonable business hours. No certificate of registration shall be required for transporting Christmas wreaths, wired sprays, roping or other similar manufactured products.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to establish lower fees for intrastate transport of evergreen boughs than for interstate transport, and to require that all boughs transferred be severed from trunks of trees.

Reported by the Committee on Agriculture.

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