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SENATE AMENDMENT "A " to H.P. 1187, L.D. 1486, Bill, "AN ACT to Establish a Silvicultural Review Board."

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

'12 MRSA §520-C is enacted to read:

§520-C. Filing of commercial forest management plans

Each person who owns more than 1,000 acres of commercial forest land in the deorganized and unorganized areas of the State shall file a forest management plan with the Director of the Bureau of Forestry by January 1, 1980 and every 3 years thereafter. This plan shall contain as a minimum the following information: The location of the forest by township and area within the township; the method of intended harvest or other silvicultural practices; the volume and species of trees intended to be removed; the anticipated percentages of the stand expected to be removed and to be remaining; the percentage of the owner's total holdings expected to be affected by this plan; the approximate annual growth increment of the owner's holdings; and the anticipated source and amount of regeneration.

Any significant changes in an owner's forest management plan arising subsequent to filing shall be reflected in a notice to

the Director of the Bureau of Forestry submitted on a semi annual basis. If an owner determines that no significant changes in his forest management plan have occurred, no notice need be submitted.

Forest management plans filed pursuant to this section shall not be subject to approval by the Board of Forestry or any other State agency or official. The Director of the Bureau of Forestry may appoint an Advisory Board representing a cross-section of Maine citizens to review forest management plans filed with him.

Statement of Fact

This amendment offers an alternative to the creation of a Silvicultural Review Board. It simplifies the process whereby the owners of large commercial holdings in the unorganized territories are required to file forest management plans. These plans would be submitted once every 3 years, with semi annual updates as an individual owner deemed necessary. The plan would contain information on the composition of the timberland, anticipated harvesting, regeneration and timber stand improvement.

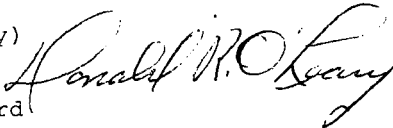
The forest management plans would be submitted to the Director of the Bureau of Forestry. These plans would not be subject to approval by the Board or any other State agency or official.

In light of the fact that the required information is to be filed but not necessarily analyzed, no new staff position or cost to the State is anticipated.

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