

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-671)  
109TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" **A**" to H.P. 1127, L.D. 1498, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Recodify and Resolve Minor Administrative Pro-  
blems in the Forestry Statutes; and Reorganize the Maine  
Forestry District."

Amend the bill in section 3 by striking out in that part  
designated "§8202.", subsection 1, and inserting in its  
place the following:

1. Resources. The director shall maintain sufficient re-  
sources, including research materials and technical expertise,  
within the limits of available funds, in order that the bureau  
may:
- A. Respond to requests to identify forest insects and  
diseases of concern to landowners and municipalities;
  - B. Determine the severity of forest insect or disease prob-  
lems;
  - C. Provide advice on control measures;
  - D. Refer individuals to other state or federal agencies  
for technical or financial assistance;
  - E. Determine the results of compliance or failure to com-  
ply with recommendations made according to this section; and
  - F. Respond to requests for information on insects, other  
than forest insects, including their identification and  
control.

Further amend the bill in section 3 by striking out subchapter III of chapter 807.

Further amend the bill in section 3 in chapter 807 by renumbering subchapters IV to VII to be subchapters III to VI.

Further amend the bill in section 3 by adding at the end of that part designated "§9324." the following:

'4. No person shall kindle or use an out-of-door fire on land of another without permission of the owner, except at public campsites and lunch grounds maintained or authorized by the bureau, state parks and state highway picnic areas. This subsection shall not apply to the use of portable stoves which are fueled by propane gas, gasoline or sterno.'

Further amend the bill by striking <sup>out all of</sup> section 14 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 14. 12 MRSA c. 215, subchapters I, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, IX-A and XI as amended are repealed.'

Further amend the Bill by adding after section 14 the following:

'Sec. 14-A. 12 MRSA §1203, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 694, §240, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§1203. Control and extinguishment of fires

The director shall be responsible for the prevention, control and extinguishment of forest fires in the Maine Forestry District.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out section 23.

#### Statement of Fact

This amendment replaces 2 provisions of existing law that were inadvertently omitted in the recodification. It also removes all changes in the forest fire prevention and protection chapter, including the forestry district tax, by deleting this from the recodification.