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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-55)
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 3, L.D. 3, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Maine Christmas Tree Law to Include Registration for Transportation

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

'It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, for commercial purposes, to transport Christmas trees or evergreen boughs 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 may 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, is \$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 is \$12, \$11 of which is 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, is \$1 payable to the Treasurer of State and credited to the General Fund, and, if that registration is obtained from any municipi-

pal clerk, the annual fee is \$1.50, \$1 of which is 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 certificate of registration.

The annual fee for each interstate evergreen bough transport registration, if obtained from the Bureau of Forestry, is \$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 is \$12, \$11 of which is 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 certificate of registration.

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

All these registrations 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 may be required for transporting Christmas wreaths, wired sprays, roping or other similar manufactured products.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment will correct an error made when the forestry statutes were recodified in 1979. At that time, the paragraphs concerning the transportation of boughs and tips were inadvertently left out.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
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