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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
110TH LEGISLATURE (Filing No. H-538)
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 141, L.D. 312,
Bill, "AN ACT Concerning the Size of Exempt Lots under the Sub-
division Laws."

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

'Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §4956, sub-§1, 2nd ¶, ^{last sentence} as repealed and re-
placed by PL 1975, c. 475, §1, is repealed and the following
enacted in its place:

Unless intended to circumvent this chapter, lots of 40 or more
acres shall not be counted as lots.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §4956, sub-§1, 2nd ¶, as repealed and
replaced by PL 1975, c. 475, §1, is amended by adding at the end
2 new sentences to read:

Lots greater than 20 acres, but less than 40 acres, of such
dimensions as to accommodate within the boundaries of each a
rectangle measuring 400 feet by 800 feet, used exclusively as
woodlots shall not be counted as lots. If the exemption created
under this subsection is relied upon to create a lot without the
approval otherwise required by this section, no structure may be
erected or the lot further divided for a period of 5 years from the
creation of the lot without approval under this section and this
restriction shall be set forth in any deed creating a woodlot
under the exemption.

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Sec. 3. 30 MRSA §4956, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 475, §1, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

For the purposes of this section, "woodlot" means a tract or parcel of land used for timber production and with only structures or alterations necessary for timber management and harvesting.

Statement of Fact

This amendment would create a special 20 acre exemption from the municipal subdivision law, only to be used for the creation of woodlots. These woodlots would have to go through the review process if built upon or further divided during a 5-year period. Also, the dimensions of the woodlot would have to be such as to accommodate a rectangle measuring 400 feet by 800 feet.

In addition, the amendment would tighten up the existing 40 acre exemption by stating that such lots are exempt only if not created in order to circumvent the subdivision law.

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