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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-264) llOTH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "**A**" to H.P. 937, L.D. 1107, Bill, "AN ACT to Establish an Agricultural Exemption from Workers' Compensation for Certain Wood Lot Operations."

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

'Sec. 1. 39 MRSA §2, sub-\$1-A, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 749, §2, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

Any agricultural employer otherwise included under this Act is not included when harvesting 150 cords of wood or less each year from farm wood lots, provided that, in order to gualify for this exemption, the employer must be covered by an employer's liability insurance policy with total limits of not less than \$25,000 and medical payment coverage of not less than \$1,000.

Sec. 2. 39 MRSA §2, sub-§5, %A, sub-%(6) is enacted to read:

(6) Employees of an agricultural employer when harvesting 150 cords of wood or less each year from farm wood lots, provided that the employer is covered under an employer's liability insurance policy as required in subsection 1-A.' COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 937, L.D. 1107 -2-

Statement of Fact

This amendment ensures that in order to receive the exemption from coverage proposed by the bill, agricultural employers would have to provide employer's liability insurance with specified minimum limits.

Reported by the Committee on Labor. Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

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