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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to H.P. 1654, L.D. 2290, Bill, "An Act to Aid in the Enforcement of Crimes Relating to Forest Fire Control"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

**'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and**

**Whereas, enforcement is critical to the role of the Department of Conservation in minimizing forest fires and protecting the natural resources of the State; and**

**Whereas, since many violations of forest fire laws occur in remote areas, the most efficient means of handling these violations is through personal recognizance bonds; and**

**Whereas, the ability of fire control officers to use this mechanism was repealed last year and if re-enacted will not be in effect until well into the forest fire season; and**

**Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '**

Further amend the bill in section 3 in the last line (page 1, line 39 in L.D.) by striking out the following "and" and inserting in its place the following: **'and'**

2 Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of  
fact the following:

4 'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the  
6 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

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10 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

12 This amendment adds an emergency preamble and clause and  
corrects a technical error.

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