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L.D. 211

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 116, L.D. 211, Bill, "An Act to Ban Tree Spiking"

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill places the act of tree spiking under the criminal mischief laws as a Class D crime. The additional work load and administrative costs associated with these few cases will be absorbed within the budgeted resources or the Judicial Department.

The appointment of court-appointed counsel for indigent defendants who are charged with this crime will result in costs to the Judicial Department. A General Fund appropriation to the Judicial Department may be necessary for the indigent defense program once the cumulative effect of all legislation for which court-appointed counsel for indigent defendants must be provided is known.

The Governor's proposed adjusted current services budget affects the indigent defense program by discontinuing appointment of counsel for certain crimes.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by Senator Gauvreau for the Committee on Judiciary.
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