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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1098, L.D. 1597, Bill, "An Act Regarding the Forest Management Plan Requirements"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §5014, as amended by PL 1987, c. 395, Pt. A, §186, is further amended to read:

**§5014. Issuance of license; endorsement of documents**

The board shall issue a license upon payment of the licensure fee as provided in this section to any applicant who, in the opinion of the board, has satisfactorily met all the requirements of this chapter. Licenses shall must show the full name of the licensee. The issuance of a license by the board shall-be is evidence that the person named therein is entitled to all the rights and privileges of a licensed professional forester while the license remains unrevoked or unexpired. Plans, maps and reports issued by the licensee shall must be endorsed with his the licensee's name and license number during the life of the licensee's license, but it shall-be is a Class E crime for anyone to endorse any document with that name and license number after the license of the licensee named thereon has expired or has been revoked or suspended, unless the license has been renewed or reissued. ~~It is a Class E crime for any licensed professional forester to endorse any plan, map or report unless he shall have actually prepared such plan, map or report, or shall have been in the actual charge of the preparation thereof.~~ A licensed professional forester commits a Class E crime if that forester endorses any plan, map or report, other than a forest management and harvest plan as defined by Title 36, section 573, subsection 3-A, unless that forester actually prepared or was actually in charge of the preparation of the map, plan or report.

2           Sec. 2. 36 M RSA §573, sub-§3-A, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 555,  
§14, is amended to read:

4           3-A.     **Forest management and harvest plan.** "Forest  
6 management and harvest plan" means a written document, ~~prepared~~  
by ~~a licensed professional forester, outlining that outlines~~  
8 activities to regenerate, improve and harvest a standing crop of  
timber. The plan shall must include the location of water bodies  
10 and wildlife habitat identified by the Department of Inland  
Fisheries and Wildlife. A plan may include, but is not be  
12 limited to, schedules and recommendations for timber stand  
improvement, harvesting plans and recommendations for  
14 regeneration activities. The plan must be prepared by a licensed  
professional forester or be reviewed and certified by a licensed  
16 professional forester as consistent with this subsection and with  
sound silvicultural practices.'

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20   **STATEMENT OF FACT**

22           This amendment allows a licensed professional forester to  
review and certify forest management and harvest plans in the  
24 tree growth tax program without requiring the forester to have  
personally prepared those plans.

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