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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1273, L.D. 1844, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Tree Growth and Open Space Laws"

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. 36 MRSA §1106, as amended by PL 1989, c. 748, §3, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The valuation guidelines required by this section must be completed and reported to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters by February 1, 1992. The report must also contain information and recommendations, if any, on the impact of public access requirements when determining eligibility for farm, open space and tree growth classifications.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §1119, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 728, §10, is amended to read:

§1119. Valuation guidelines

By ~~January--1,--1989~~ February 1, 1992, the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources working with the Bureau of Taxation, representatives of municipal assessors and farmers shall prepare and report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters guidelines to assist local assessors in the valuation of farmland. The department shall also deliver these guidelines in training sessions for local assessors throughout the State. These guidelines shall must include suggested values for cropland, orchard land, pastureland and horticultural land.

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2 Sec. 3. 36 M RSA §1121, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 728, §10, is
amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

4 By February 1, 1992, the department and the bureau shall
6 report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
jurisdiction over taxation matters on the potential problems that
8 occur as a matter of transferring parcels between classifications
and subsequent withdrawal of those or other parcels pursuant to
10 sections 581, 1109, 1112 and 1115. Recommendations, if any,
regarding the penalty provisions imposed by withdrawal from any
12 of the classifications contained in subchapter II-A or this
subchapter must be included in this report.'

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16 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

18 This amendment eliminates the requirements of the original
bill and enacts in their place a specific time for completion of
20 certain studies and reports already required by law.

Reported by the Committee on Taxation
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