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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 64,
L.D. 93, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the 2nd paragraph after the title (page 1, lines 24 to 26 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §573, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Commercial harvesting or harvesting for commercial use. "Commercial harvesting" or "harvesting for commercial use" means the harvesting of forest products that have commercial value, as defined in subsection 3-B.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §573, sub-§3-A, as amended by PL 1991, c. 428, §2, is further amended to read:

3-A. Forest management and harvest plan. "Forest management and harvest plan" means a written document that outlines activities to regenerate, improve and harvest a standing crop of timber. The plan must include the location of water bodies and wildlife habitat identified by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. A plan may include, but is not

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limited to, schedules and recommendations for timber stand
improvement, harvesting plans and recommendations for
regeneration activities. The plan must may be prepared by either
the landowner or a licensed professional forester or be reviewed
and certified by a licensed professional forester as consistent
with this subsection and with sound silvicultural practices and
must be shown to an authorized representative of the Department
of Conservation, Bureau of Forestry.

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §573, sub-§3-B is enacted to read:

3-B. Forest products that have commercial value. "Forest
products that have commercial value" means logs, pulpwood,
veneer, bolt wood, wood chips, stud wood, poles, pilings,
biomass, fuel wood, Christmas trees, maple syrup, nursery
products used for ornamental purposes, wreaths, bough material or
cones or other seed products.' '

Further amend the amendment by inserting after the first
indented paragraph on page 2 the following:

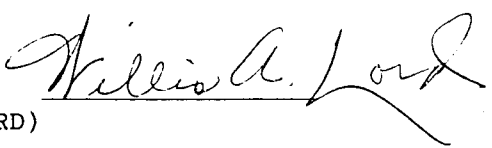
'Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.'

FISCAL NOTE

The additional costs associated with looking at forest
management plans can be absorbed by the Bureau of Forestry
utilizing existing budgeted resources.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment amends the law concerning who must prepare
and review the forest management and harvest plan. Under this
amendment, either the landowner or a licensed professional
forester may prepare the plan and the plan must be shown to an
authorized representative of the Bureau of Forestry within the
Department of Conservation.

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