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HOUSE AMENDMENT "E" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1390, L.D. 1892, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Compact for Maine's Forests"

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Amend the amendment in that part designated "~~§8868-A.~~" by striking out all of subsection 4 (page 3, lines 8 to 21 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

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'4. Clear-cut or understocked. "Clear-cut" or "understocked" means any forest stand greater than 5 acres in area in which, after harvest, the total residual basal area in square feet per acre of all trees greater than 4.5 inches in diameter 4.5 feet above the ground is less than:

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A. Forty-five square feet where the preharvest stand was a hardwood stand;

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B. Sixty-five square feet where the preharvest stand was a mixed wood stand; or

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C. Eighty square feet where the preharvest stand was a softwood stand.'

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Further amend the amendment in that part designated "~~§8868-A.~~" by inserting after subsection 6 the following:

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'7. Hardwood stand. "Hardwood stand" means a forest stand in which the basal area of all trees greater than 4.5 inches in diameter 4.5 feet above the ground before harvest is composed of 75% or more of commercial hardwood species, singly or in combination.'

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L.D. 1892

2 Further amend the amendment in that part designated
"§8868-A." by inserting after subsection 8 the following:

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'9. Mixed wood stand. "Mixed wood stand" means a forest
stand in which the basal area of all trees greater than 4.5
inches in diameter 4.5 feet above the ground before harvest is
composed of between 25% and 75% commercial hardwood species,
singly or in combination.'

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Further amend the amendment in that part designated
"§8868-A." by inserting after subsection 9 the following:

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'10. Softwood stand. "Softwood stand" means a forest stand
in which the basal area of all trees greater than 4.5 inches in
diameter 4.5 feet above the ground before harvest is composed of
75% or more of commercial softwood species, singly or in
combination.'

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Further amend the amendment in that part designated
"§8868-A." by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

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FISCAL NOTE

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This amendment will increase the future request by the
Department of Conservation for enforcement costs to the General
Fund by \$91,588 and \$94,678, including 2 additional positions in
fiscal year 1997-98 and fiscal year 1998-99, respectively. A
portion of this request represents underfunding of the
department's existing responsibilities. The amount of the
additional General Fund appropriations directly attributable to
this amendment can not be determined at this time. Some amount
of these costs are also discretionary and will depend on the
level of enforcement desired by the Legislature.

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SUMMARY

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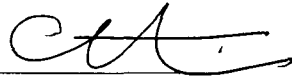
This amendment amends Committee Amendment "A" by providing
scientifically based stocking standards for nonregeneration
harvests.

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HOUSE AMENDMENT