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L.D. 1892

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
117TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

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16 HOUSE AMENDMENT "6" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P.  
1390, L.D. 1892, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Compact for  
Maine's Forests"

18 Amend the amendment on page 2 by inserting before the first  
20 indented paragraph the following:

22 'Further amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the  
following:

24 'Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §8612, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 555,  
26 §8, is amended to read:

28 The bureau shall employ by ~~1991~~, July 1, 1997 at least 16  
30 field foresters ~~to be located in field offices.~~ The field  
foresters must be assigned at the discretion of the Director of  
the Bureau of Forestry.

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34 Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §8612, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 555,  
§8, is amended to read:

36 4. **Reporting requirements.** The commissioner shall report  
38 ~~biannually beginning in 1991~~, to the joint standing committee of  
the Legislature having jurisdiction over ~~energy--and--natural~~  
40 ~~resources~~ forestry matters on activities under the field forester  
program. This report, to be completed by February 1st of each  
42 odd-numbered year, shall must include a description of the types  
of assistance given to landowners and wood processors, a  
44 description of the activities of the field foresters and any  
recommendations for changes in the program.' '

46 Further amend the amendment in section 10 in that part  
designated "~~§8870-C.~~" by striking out all of subsection 1 (page

**HOUSE AMENDMENT**

9, lines 19 to 48 in amendment) and inserting in its place the  
following:

'1. Board established. The Sustainable Forest Management  
Audit Board, referred to in this subchapter as the "board,"  
consists of 7 members representing a balance of interested  
parties with relevant forest management and ecological expertise,  
including participants in the program and the public, to develop  
and oversee implementation of the program by the Maine Forest  
Service. Appointments to the board are as follows:

A. Three members must be appointed by the Governor;

B. Two members must be appointed by the President of the  
Senate; and

C. Two members must be appointed by the Speaker of the  
House.

All appointments must be made no later than January 1, 1997.  
Board members serve until the termination of the board. Any  
vacancy on the board must be filled by the same appointing  
authority as the initial appointment. Board members are not  
entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses. The  
Maine Forest Service shall provide staff assistance to the board.

This subsection is repealed 90 days after adjournment of the  
Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.'

Further amend the amendment on page 17 by inserting before  
the first indented paragraph the following:

**'Sec. 20. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated  
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1996-97

**CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Forest Management, Utilization  
and Marketing**

Positions - Legislative Count	(6.0)
Personal Services	\$110,460
All Other	18,750
Total	<u>\$129,210</u>

Provides for the appropriation of funds for  
6 additional Forester I positions and

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L.D. 1892

2 related All Other costs for forestry  
enforcement, education and assistance.'

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**FISCAL NOTE**

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**1996-97**

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**APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

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General Fund \$129,210

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14 This amendment includes a General Fund appropriation of  
\$129,210 in fiscal year 1996-97 for the Department of  
16 Conservation to provide funds for 6 additional Forester I  
positions for enforcement, education and assistance. The  
18 estimated costs of the 6 additional positions in fiscal years  
1997-98 and 1998-99 are approximately \$260,000 annually.

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**SUMMARY**

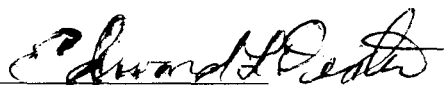
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24 This amendment changes appointments to the Sustainable  
Forest Management Audit Board. The Governor appoints 3 members  
26 and the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House each  
appoint 2 members.

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30 Public Law 1989, chapter 555, which enacted the laws  
regulating forest practices, originally envisioned funding for 16  
32 field forester positions. Only 8 of those positions are  
currently funded in the Department of Conservation. This  
34 amendment requires full implementation of the 16 positions. The  
field foresters must be assigned at the discretion of the  
36 Director of the Bureau of Forestry.

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