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**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

Reported by: Senator Kilkelly

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 28, L.D. 26, Bill, "An Act to Clarify Use of Tree Stands"

Amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all of paragraph E (page 1, lines 14 to 31 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'E. Except as provided in subsection 20, paragraph C, erects or uses either a portable or permanent tree ladder or stand attached to a tree on the land of another person, unless:

(1) That person has obtained verbal or written authorization to erect and use a tree ladder or stand from the landowner or the landowner's representative; and

(2) The tree ladder or stand is plainly labeled with a 2-inch by 4-inch tag identifying the name and address of the person or persons authorized by the landowner to use the tree stand or ladder, ~~and.~~

~~(3) -- The tree ladder or stand is removed within 10 days after the close of the hunting season for which the ladder or stand was erected. '~~

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

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**FISCAL NOTE**

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6 This bill may reduce prosecutions for Class E crimes. If  
8 jail sentences are reduced, the savings to the counties are  
10 estimated to be \$83.78 per day per prisoner. These savings do  
12 not affect reimbursement by the State. The reduction in the  
14 number of prosecutions that would have resulted in a jail  
16 sentence and the resulting savings to the county jail system are  
18 expected to be insignificant.

20 The Judicial Department may realize some minor savings from  
22 reductions of workload and administrative costs associated with  
24 the minimal number of cases that will no longer be filed in the  
26 court system. Reductions in the collection of fines may decrease  
28 General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will realize  
some minor savings from reduced enforcement costs.'

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**SUMMARY**

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26 This amendment removes a provision from the bill that  
28 proposed to allow a hunter to erect and use a portable tree stand  
without the permission of the landowner. The amendment also adds  
a fiscal note to the bill.