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NATURAL RESOURCES

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 79, L.D. 218, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Site Law Concerning State and Local Review of Transmission Lines"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and.

Whereas, legislation amending the site location of development laws was enacted during the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature and will take effect July 1, 1997; and

Whereas, the legislation included a provision raising the threshold for review of transmission lines under the site location of development laws; and

Whereas, this legislation returns the threshold for review of transmission lines to its current level of 100 kilovolts; and

Whereas, it is necessary that this change also take effect July 1, 1997; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect July 1, 1997.'

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

8 **FISCAL NOTE**

10 Reinstating a certain threshold for the review of
12 transmission lines under the site location of development laws
will reverse an unbudgeted loss of licensing revenue
14 collections. The estimated annual increase of dedicated revenue
to the Maine Environmental Protection Fund, within the Department
16 of Environmental Protection, is \$3,000 beginning in fiscal year
1997-98.'

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20 **SUMMARY**

22 This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It
24 adds an emergency preamble, an emergency clause and a fiscal note
to the bill.