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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 117, L.D. 396, Bill, "An Act to Allow the Maine Forest Service to Retain Funds from the Sale of Real Estate"

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1997-98	1998-99
<b>CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>Forest Fire Control - Division of</b>		
All Other	\$105,000	\$105,000
Allocates funds to reflect an increase in dedicated revenues from the sale or lease of certain state-owned properties.'		

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

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

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FISCAL NOTE

	1997-98	1998-99
<b>APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS</b>		
Other Funds	\$105,000	\$105,000
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Other Funds	\$105,000	\$105,000

Allowing the Director of the Bureau of Forestry to use certain proceeds from the sale or lease of bureau property for replacement and repair costs will reduce unbudgeted General Fund revenue and increase dedicated revenue to the bureau by an equal amount. The amounts depend on the number of sales or lease activity that takes place in any one fiscal year and can not be estimated at this time. The department estimates that an average of 3 properties are sold each year with an average total cost of \$105,000. The bill includes allocations of \$105,000 in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99 to authorize expenditures of this new dedicated revenue.

The proceeds from these sales may result in future General Fund savings for those capital projects that would be funded with General Fund appropriations. No savings will occur in the 1998-1999 biennium unless General Fund deappropriations are included in this bill.

The additional costs associated with the approval of certain land or structure purchases can be absorbed by the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment strikes and replaces the committee amendment, adding an allocation section and replacing the fiscal note.

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