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**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

Reported by: Senator Kilkelly

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

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

**FISCAL NOTE**

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. An allocation of \$105,000 in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99 should be provided 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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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Financial Services utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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### SUMMARY

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This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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