

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

M
R. of S.

L.D. 2286

DATE: 3-24-98

(Filing No. H-1034)

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1657, L.D. 2286, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Majority of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Regarding Enhancing Forest Resource Assessment"

Amend the bill in section 7 in subsection 2-A by striking out all of the last 3 lines (page 2, lines 28 to 30 in L.D.)

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 8.

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 10 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §8876-A is enacted to read:

§8876-A. Assessment of state of forest

The director shall establish a process to assess the state of the forest.

1. Criteria. The bureau shall evaluate each of the following criteria in assessing the state of the forest:

A. Soil productivity;

B. Water quality, wetlands and riparian zones;

C. Timber supply and quality;

D. Biological diversity; and

E. Traditional recreation.'

HOUSE AMENDMENT

R. of S.

2 Further amend the bill in section 13 in that part designated
3 "~~§8878-A.~~" in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraphs B
4 and C.

6 Further amend the bill in section 13 in that part designated
7 "~~§8878-A.~~" in subsection 1 by relettering the paragraphs to read
8 consecutively.

10 Further amend the bill in section 13 in that part designated
11 "~~§8879.~~" by striking out all of subsections 1 and 2 and inserting
12 in their place the following:

14 'The report must describe the condition of the State's
15 forests based on historical information and information collected
16 and analyzed by the bureau for the biennium.'

18 Further amend the bill in section 17 in subsection 2-A in
19 the 3rd and 4th lines (page 7, lines 38 and 39 in L.D.) by
20 striking out the following: "and the purpose of the clear-cut"

22 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
23 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
24 consecutively.

26
28 **SUMMARY**

30 The amendment removes the provision allowing the
31 Commissioner of Conservation to adopt more stringent separation
32 zone standards for clear-cuts greater than 35 acres.

34 This amendment removes the provision that requires a
35 management plan for clear-cuts over 35 acres, rather than the
36 current 50 acres, and further requires that plan to state the
purpose of the clear-cut.

38 The amendment removes the provisions requiring the Director
39 of the Bureau of Forestry to establish a process to assess forest
40 sustainability including standards development and a monitoring
41 system and replaces them with provisions requiring the bureau to
42 assess the state of the forest based on 5 of the 7 specific
43 criteria listed in the committee amendment.

44 The amendment removes certain data from the annual
45 clear-cutting reports. The amendment also changes requirements
46 of the biennial report by the Director of the Bureau of Forestry
47 to be consistent with the removal of the standards development
48 process by this amendment.

HOUSE AMENDMENT

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1657, L.D. 2286

2 The amendment also changes the landowners reporting
4 requirements to reflect removal by this amendment of the
necessity of the landowner stating the purpose of the clear-cut.

6
8 SPONSORED BY: Russell Lane
(Representative LANE)

10 TOWN: Enfield
12

HOUSE AMENDMENT