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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 520, L.D. 727, Bill, "An Act to Limit Publicly Owned Land"

Amend the bill in section 1 by inserting before the indented paragraph the following:

'§1829-A. Limitation on public land holding'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in the indented paragraph in the 3rd line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by striking the following: "county." and inserting in its place the following: 'county, except for Piscataquis County, State ownership of land in Piscataquis County may not exceed the acreage owned by the State on July 1, 1999.'

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

**FISCAL NOTE**

This bill, establishing certain limits on the amounts of land that may be held by the State and municipalities, may prohibit the future acquisition of particular pieces of property or interests in property by the State and municipalities. The net fiscal impact of these limitations on the operations of State Government and municipalities can not be determined at this time.

This bill may increase the number of civil suits filed in the court system. The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial

Department. The collection of additional filing fees may also  
increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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### SUMMARY

The State currently owns in excess of 10% of the land in  
Piscataquis County. This amendment would allow the State to  
continue ownership in excess of 10% in that county, but it could  
not increase its acres of ownership. The amendment provides a  
section headnote for the new provision and adds a fiscal note to  
the bill.

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