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NATURAL RESOURCES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 958, L.D. 1356, Bill, "An Act to Allow Game Wardens to Approve Beaver Dam Removal"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Allow Authorized Removal of a Beaver Dam Without a Permit'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.

Further amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 21 and inserting in its place the following:

'21. Removal of beaver dams. Removal of a beaver dam as authorized by a game warden, as long as:

A. Efforts are made to minimize erosion of soil and fill material from disturbed areas into a protected natural resource;

B. Efforts are made to minimize alteration of undisturbed portions of a wetland or water body; and

C. Wheeled or tracked equipment is operated in the water only for the purpose of crossing a water body to facilitate removal of the beaver dam. Where practicable, wheeled or tracked equipment may cross a water body only on a rock, gravel or ledge bottom.

This exemption includes the draining of a freshwater wetland resulting from removal of a beaver dam. It does not include removal of a beaver house.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
4 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

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

10 **FISCAL NOTE**

12 Exempting the removal of beaver dams from certain permitting
14 requirements will result in insignificant reductions of dedicated
16 revenue to the Department of Environmental Protection from permit
fees.'

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This amendment removes the section from the bill that gives
22 a game warden authority to approve the removal of a beaver dam,
because game wardens already have that authority. The amendment
24 also clarifies that a person who removes a beaver dam as
authorized by a game warden is exempt from the requirement to get
26 a permit under the natural resources protection laws only if the
removal meets certain standards.

28 The amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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