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H.P. 958

House of Representatives, February 18, 1999

An Act to Allow Game Wardens to Approve Beaver Dam Removal.

Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon.
Cosponsored by Representatives: GILLIS of Danforth, JODREY of Bethel, JOY of Crystal,
TREADWELL of Carmel.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7053, sub-§6 is enacted to read:**

6 6. Approve beaver dam removal. In addition to other powers
8 granted in chapters 701 to 721, a warden may approve the removal
10 of a beaver dam if, in the opinion of the warden, the presence of
12 the dam has caused or may cause damage to an existing private
14 road, woods or other private property.

16 **Sec. 2. 38 MRSA, §480-Q, sub-§21 is enacted to read:**

18 21. Removal of beaver dam. Removal of a beaver dam approved
20 by a game warden under Title 12, section 7053, subsection 6.

22 SUMMARY

This bill allows a game warden to authorize the removal of a beaver dam without needing a permit under the natural resources protection laws if the beaver dam, in the opinion of the warden, has caused or may cause damage to private property, including woods or existing private roads.