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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to S.P. 666, L.D. 1888, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Development and Centralized Listing of Municipal Ordinances that Apply to Forestry Practices"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. Funding. The Department of Conservation shall designate, from amounts appropriated to the Division of Forest Policy and Management, amounts sufficient to meet the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5685.'

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

'FISCAL NOTE

This bill imposes additional requirements on municipalities that will result in some minor additional expenditures. The Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5685, requires the Department of Conservation to designate amounts sufficient to meet at least 90% of these additional costs and to distribute the funds in accordance with a mandate payment distribution schedule.

The additional costs associated with developing the mandate payment distribution schedule and submitting a report to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services that details

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2 the mandate payment distribution schedule to municipalities, as
3 required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5685,
4 sub-section 6, can be absorbed within the Department of
5 Conservation's existing budgeted resources.

6 The Department of Conservation will incur some minor
7 additional costs to assist municipalities in the development of
8 municipal timber harvesting ordinances and to maintain a
9 centralized listing of municipal ordinances. These costs can be
10 absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment is the majority report of the committee.
17 This amendment adds a section on funding and a fiscal note to the
18 bill.