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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
119TH LEGISLATURE
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SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1686, L.D. 2392, Bill, "An Act to Provide Safety for Forest Rangers and the Public"

Amend the amendment on page 2 by striking out all of subsections 4 and 5 (page 2, lines 1 to 14 in amendment) and inserting in their place the following:

'4. Training. Except as provided in subsection 6, a forest ranger and the state supervisor must successfully meet the preservice law enforcement training requirements established in Title 25, section 2804-B, except for firearms training, and must also successfully complete a field training program developed by the Department of Conservation in consultation with the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.'

'5. Equipment. The state supervisor and all forest rangers must be issued body armor and any other personal protective equipment considered appropriate by the Commissioner of Conservation.'

Further amend the amendment on page 2 in subsection 6 by striking out all of the last sentence (page 2, lines 20 to 24 in amendment).

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 4 and 5 and inserting in their place the following:

SENATE AMENDMENT

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SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1686,
L.D. 2392

'Sec. 4. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Division of Forest Protection

All Other \$52,800

Appropriates funds for protective equipment
costs.'

FISCAL NOTE

This amendment will decrease the General Fund cost of the
bill by \$143,175 in fiscal year 2000-01, and \$172,675 in each of
fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03.

As amended, this bill includes a General Fund appropriation
of \$52,800 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of
Conservation to pay for protective equipment costs. The
estimated future costs are \$3,000 in each of fiscal years 2001-02
and 2002-03.

SUMMARY

This amendment requires a forest ranger or a State
Supervisor, Division of Forest Protection hired after July 1,
2000 to successfully complete the preservice law enforcement
training requirements, without firearms training, and a field
training program developed by the Department of Conservation in
consultation with the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

This amendment removes the provisions of the bill relating
to training of current employees and requires body armor and any
other personal protective equipment considered appropriate by the
Commissioner of Conservation to be issued to forest rangers and
the State Supervisor.

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