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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1751, L.D. 2457, Bill, "An Act to Require the State Sealer to Conduct Spot Checks at Timber Mills"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

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

'Resolve, to Require the State Sealer to Conduct Spot Checks at Timber Mills'

Further amend the amendment by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

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'Sec. 1. Spot checks to enhance enforcement of timber measurement standards and record requirements; report. Resolved: That the Director of the Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall establish a pilot project to conduct additional spot checks to sample the accuracy of wood measurement and record keeping in wood transactions. The director shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters no later than February 15, 2001 on the enhanced monitoring of wood measurement. The report must include the number of additional checks conducted with the additional appropriation and an assessment of findings regarding compliance with wood measurement standards and record-keeping requirements; and be it further

SENATE AMENDMENT

Sec. 2. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

2000-01

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation

All Other \$10,000

Appropriates one-time funds to conduct additional checks at timber mills for adherence to timber weights and measures standards.' '

FISCAL NOTE

This amendment reduces the General Fund cost of the bill by \$40,613 in fiscal year 2000-01. As amended, this bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$10,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to establish a pilot project to conduct additional spot checks at timber mills.

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the original bill. It provides for an additional one-time appropriation of \$10,000 to the Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation for additional spot checks to determine the accuracy of wood measurements and to enforce the wood measurement laws. It requires the Director of the Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation to report to the Legislature by February 15, 2001 on the enhanced monitoring.

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