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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1792, L.D. 2512, Bill, "An Act to Create a State-sponsored Voluntary Logger Certification Program"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§8004." in subsection 1 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "with" the following: 'the Department of Education.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§8004." in subsection 2 in paragraph A in the first line (page 1, line 30 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "employed" the following: 'or who seeks training prior to employment'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§8004." in subsection 2 in paragraph A in the 2nd line (page 1, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§8004." in subsection 2 in paragraph B in the 2nd line (page 1, line 34 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "timber." and inserting in its place the following: 'timber; and'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§8004." in subsection 2 by inserting after paragraph B the following:

'C. A person who harvests timber on that person's own land.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated

2 "~~S8004.~~" in subsection 5 in paragraph F in the first line (page
2, line 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

4 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated
6 "~~S8004.~~" in subsection 5 in paragraph G in the first line (page
2, line 23 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "association."
8 and inserting in its place the following: 'association; and'

10 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated
12 "~~S8004.~~" in subsection 5 by inserting at the end the following:

14 'H. An association of independent loggers.'

16 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the
18 following:

20 '**Sec. 2. Report.** The Department of Conservation shall submit
a report of its plan for a voluntary logger certification program
by January 15, 2001 to the joint standing committee of the
Legislature having jurisdiction over forestry matters.

22 '**Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

24 2000-01

26 **CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

28 **Division of Forest Policy and Management**

30	Positions - FTE Count	(2.500)
32	Personal Services	\$93,801
	All Other	44,485

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36 Appropriates funds for the costs of
implementing a voluntary logger
38 certification program, including the
equivalents of
40 a half-time Clerk Stenographer III position,
a half-time Natural Science Educator
42 position and one-and-a-half Forester I
positions.

44 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION**
46 **TOTAL** \$138,286'

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

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'FISCAL NOTE

2000-01

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund \$138,286

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$138,286 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Conservation for the costs of implementing a voluntary logger certification program. The estimated future costs in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 will be approximately \$138,076 and \$142,175, respectively.

The Department of Conservation will incur some minor additional costs to submit a required report to the Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.

The additional costs associated with assisting in the development of the curriculum for the voluntary logger certification program can be absorbed by the Department of Education, the Maine Technical College System and the University of Maine System utilizing existing budgeted resources. The additional costs associated with participating as a member of the advisory board can also be absorbed by the University of Maine System utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the committee minority report. It adds the Department of Education to the list of agencies the Bureau of Forestry is to cooperate with in developing a voluntary logger certification program. It expands eligibility to participate in the program to people seeking training prior to employment in timber harvesting and landowners harvesting timber on their own land. It adds an independent logger to the membership of the advisory board. It requires the Department of Conservation to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over forestry matters by January 15, 2001 with a plan for a voluntary logger certification program. This amendment also adds a fiscal note and appropriation to the bill.