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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to S.P. 296, L.D. 1007, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws on Current Use Taxation to Exclude Property that is Subdivided After Classification"

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

**'An Act to Change the Party Responsible for Payment of a Penalty under the Tree Growth Tax Law when a Subdivision Results in a Parcel of Less than 10 Acres'**

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §581-A**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 772, §10, is further amended to read:

**§581-A. Sale of portion of parcel of forest land**

Sale of a portion of a parcel of forest land subject to taxation under this subchapter shall does not affect the taxation under this subchapter of the resulting parcels, unless any is less than 10 forested acres in area. Each resulting parcel shall must be taxed to the owners under this subchapter until the parcel is withdrawn from taxation under this subchapter, in which case the penalties provided for in sections 579 and 581 shall apply only to the owner of that parcel. If a parcel resulting from that sale is less than 10 forested acres in area, the that parcel shall must be considered as withdrawn from taxation under this subchapter as a result of the sale and the penalty assessed

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2 against the ~~owner~~ transferor of the resulting parcel of less than  
10 forested acres.'

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

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8 **FISCAL NOTE**

10 The Bureau of Revenue Services within the Department of  
12 Administrative and Financial Services will incur some minor  
14 additional costs to revise and distribute certain bulletins.  
These costs can be absorbed within the bureau's existing budgeted  
resources.'

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18 **SUMMARY**

20 This amendment provides that, when a withdrawal of a parcel  
22 of land from classification under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law  
is caused by a transfer of a parcel of less than 10 acres, the  
responsibility for payment of the penalty is with the transferor  
rather than the owner of the transferred parcel.

24 The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.