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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1366, L.D. 1823, "Resolve, to Create a Commission to Study Issues Concerning Changes to the Traditional Uses of Maine Forests and Lands, Including Camp Lot Lease Arrangements and Public Enjoyment"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 5 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall study the economic and societal impact of the termination of camp lot lease arrangements and of the public enjoyment of state lands, including the lands of the unorganized territory, and develop a plan to preserve the traditional camp lot lease arrangements in and public enjoyment of state lands.

1. In conducting the study, the commission shall:

A. Review the history of and recent changes to camp lot lease arrangements in state lands, including those of the unorganized territory;

B. Review the history of public enjoyment of state lands, including those of the unorganized territory, examining the economic impact of the termination of camp lot leases and of the loss of public enjoyment of those lands;

C. Assess the economic impact of attempts to circumvent Maine tax law by avoidance of real estate transfer taxes and maintenance of land for tree growth, thereby paying only tree growth taxes; and

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D. Research issues of colonial law and any other legal implications arising in this context.

2. The commission shall develop a plan to:

A. Encourage the preservation of the traditional camp lot lease arrangements in the state lands being purchased by private individuals;

B. Ensure just compensation for individuals whose camp lot leases are terminated;

C. Preserve public enjoyment of state lands being purchased by private individuals; and

D. Ensure adherence to Maine tax law.

The plan must, to the extent possible, build upon current efforts and must include an estimate of the costs associated with implementing it; and be it further'

SUMMARY

This amendment amends the resolve by removing the duty to study access to state lands under the Commission to Study Issues Concerning Changes to the Traditional Uses of Maine Forests and Lands.

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