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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 124, L.D. 348, Bill, "An Act To Limit State Land Ownership"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1807 is enacted to read:

§1807. Limitation on public land holding

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, publicly owned land in this State may not exceed 20% of the total land area of the State or 33% of the land area in a county. For purposes of this section, the term "publicly owned land" means land in which the State holds property rights, including easements, development rights, trust rights or other ownership interests.

With the approval of 2/3 of the Legislature, the State may exceed the limits of this section.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. It allocates

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2 the provisions in the original bill to a more appropriate
subchapter of law. It does not include municipal ownership in the
4 definition of "publicly owned land" used to determine the percent
of public ownership allowed.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**

LD 348

An Act To Limit State Land Ownership



LR 0517(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Undetermined current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Potential current biennium savings - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Limiting publicly owned land to certain percentages of total land areas will result in costs for any state agency that is buying land to ascertain the amounts of publicly held land in each instance of a purchase; the amounts can not be determined at this time. If these limitations prohibit the prospective purchase of a particular piece of land by any state agency, there will be a reduction of expenditures by that agency; the amount of possible savings in this scenario can not be determined at this time.