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NATURAL RESOURCES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 275, L.D. 345, Bill, "An Act To Clarify Recent Changes to the Laws Regulating Land Use Ordinances"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, Public Law 2005, chapter 597 takes effect July 1, 2007, which is prior to the expiration of the 90-day period; and

Whereas, Public Law 2005, chapter 597 provides that local rate of growth ordinances must be based upon the number of building or development permits issued over the past 10 years; and

Whereas, the current language could be interpreted to mean all building permits, including permits for minor construction, and not just new residential dwellings; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT