

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.D. 314

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**MINORITY**

(Filing No. S- 32)

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**SENATE**

**125TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 94, L.D. 314, Bill, "An Act To Improve Employment Opportunities for Workers in the Forest Industry"

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph A in the 4th line from the end (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "notify the" the following: 'landowner, the'

Amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 4 in the 7th and 8th lines (page 2, lines 11 and 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ", after notification to the landowner by Maine Revenue Services."

Amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 4 in the last line (page 2, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "year" and inserting the following: 'years'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, clarifies that the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Forestry must notify landowners of their suspension from the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law and that the land must be taxed at just value for all property tax years of the years of suspension.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 314

LR 737(02)

**An Act To Improve Employment Opportunities for Workers in the Forest Industry**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" S-32**  
**Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund  
Minor revenue increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Suspending classification of land under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law if that land is harvested using bonded labor under the federal H2 bonded labor program or if the landowner fails to file the required notification report may result in a small increase to General Fund revenue through the assessment of additional Commercial Forestry Excise Tax. Additional administrative costs to the Department of Conservation can be absorbed with existing staff and within existing budgeted resources.