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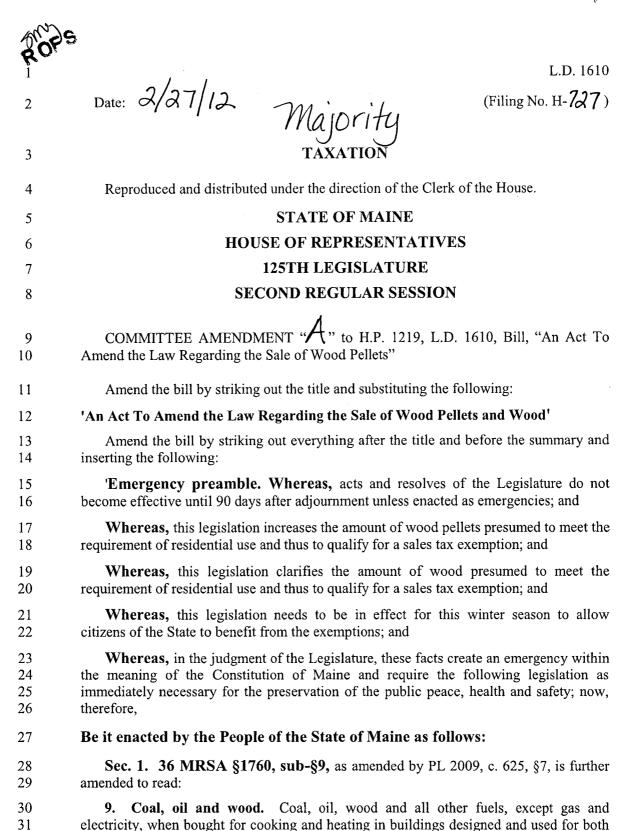
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human habitation and sleeping. Kerosene or home heating oil that is prepackaged or

dispensed from a tank for retail sale in containers with a capacity of 5 gallons or less is

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## COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1219, L.D. 1610

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presumed to meet the requirements of this subsection. A purchase of 200 1,000 pounds or less of wood pellets or of any 100% compressed wood product intended for use in a wood stove or fireplace is presumed to meet the requirements of this subsection. A purchase of less than one cord of wood is presumed to meet the requirements of this subsection. For purposes of this subsection, "cord" has the same meaning as in Title 10, section 2302, subsection 1.

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

#### **SUMMARY**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and replaces the bill. This amendment changes the amount of wood pellets presumed to meet the requirement of residential use, and thus to qualify for the sales tax exemption, to 1,000 pounds rather than 2,000 pounds as proposed in the bill. It also provides a presumption of residential use for the purchase of wood. Currently, wood purchased for residential use when bought for cooking and heating is exempt from sales tax. Under this amendment it is presumed that a person who purchases a cord of wood or less is purchasing the wood for residential use for cooking or heating.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)





## 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1610

LR 2305(02)

An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Sale of Wood Pellets

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A" (H-727)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

## **Fiscal Note**

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings) General Fund	\$4,750	\$19,760	\$20,550	\$21,372
Revenue General Fund Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$4,750) (\$250)	(\$19,760) (\$1,040)	(\$20,550) (\$1,082)	(\$21,372) (\$1,125)

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill expands the sales tax exemption provided to certain purchases of fuel for residential use by raising the amount of wood pellet purchases presumed to be for residential use from 200 pounds to 1,000 pounds. In addition, purchases of up to one cord of firewood (including bundled campfire wood) are also assumed to be for residential use.