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L.D. 154  
(Filing No. H- 331)

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
126TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 129, L.D. 154, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Limited Liability for Recreational or Harvesting Activities"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Convene a Task Force To Study Issues Concerning Private Railroad Crossings'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Task force; study. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall convene a task force to study issues concerning private railroad crossings throughout the State. The study must include at a minimum questions about private railroad crossings concerning liability, maintenance fees, license fees and public safety. The department shall invite the participation of no more than 2 representatives of each of the following: owners of property accessible only by private railroad crossings; railroad companies operating in this State; owners of railroad tracks subject to private railroad crossings, including the State; the Small Woodlot Owners Association of Maine; the Maine Forest Products Council; the Office of the Attorney General; and the Maine Trial Lawyers Association to represent the interests of members of the public who could be affected by limitations of liability. The task force shall review activities in other states to address the same issues. The department shall keep the members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary informed about scheduled meetings of the task force; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Report; legislation. Resolved:** That the task force shall report on the results of its study under section 1 to the Department of Transportation. The department shall report the task force's findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary no later than February 1, 2014. The Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature upon receiving the report; and be it further

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**





# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 154

LR 220(02)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Limited Liability for Recreational or Harvesting Activities

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A (H-331)*  
 Committee: Judiciary  
 Fiscal Note Required: Yes

## Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a one-time Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 to the Department of Transportation to convene a task force to study issues related to private railroad crossings. Funds exist within this account to cover the allocation. However, other projects may be delayed to fund this study.

The additional costs to the Department of the Attorney General are expected to be minor and can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.