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L.D. 253

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**STATE OF MAINE
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127TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ A ” to S.P. 91, L.D. 253, Bill, “An Act To Improve Permit Oversight for the Cutting of Christmas Trees and Evergreen Boughs”

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8842-A, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. F, §40 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is amended to read:

A. Cut Christmas trees or evergreen boughs on land of another without securing written permission or a bill of sale from the owner or the owner's authorized agents and having a copy of this written permission or bill of sale in immediate possession. ~~Only one such permit is needed per work crew.~~ Violation of this paragraph is a Class E crime; or'

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that a person who cuts Christmas trees or evergreen boughs on land of another must have a copy of the landowner's written permission or bill of sale in that person's immediate possession.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 916(02)

An Act To Improve Permit Oversight for the Cutting of Christmas Trees and Evergreen Boughs

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-50)
Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

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

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Requiring immediate possession of written permission to cut Christmas trees or evergreen boughs may increase the number of violations of a Class E crime.

The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.