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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 254, L.D. 388, Bill, "An Act Regarding Timber Harvesting on Land Managed by the Bureau of Parks and Lands"

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

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1807 is enacted to read:

§1807. Sustainable harvest level

Except as provided in this section, timber harvesting on public reserved lands and nonreserved public lands may not exceed in total an average of 141,500 cords per year over any 2-year period. If an independent timber inventory conducted after July 1, 2015 establishes a different sustainable harvest, the department may adopt by rule a different harvesting level consistent with that independent inventory. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A and must be reviewed by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public reserved and nonreserved lands matters.'

SUMMARY

This amendment strikes the bill and instead limits timber harvesting on public reserved lands and nonreserved public lands to an average of 141,500 cords per year over any 2-year period, which is the sustainable harvesting level determined by an independent timber inventory conducted in 2012. This amendment allows the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by rule, based on an independent timber inventory conducted after July 1, 2015, to establish a different sustainable harvest level. The rules are major substantive rules and must be reviewed by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public reserved and nonreserved lands matters.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See Attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 05/29/15 *mac*

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An Act Regarding Timber Harvesting on Land Managed by the Bureau of Parks and Lands

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A (H-297)*
Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill limits timber harvesting on certain land to not exceed in total an average of 141,500 cords per year over any two year period. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) may adopt rules to set a different harvesting level if an independent timber inventory conducted after July 1, 2015 establishes a different sustainable harvest. ACF would incur rulemaking costs of \$3,700 in the fiscal year in which the rulemaking took place. ACF has sufficient resources to absorb these costs.