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L.D. 1844

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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
128TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 698, L.D. 1844, Bill, "An Act To Provide the State the Right of First Refusal for the Purchase of Certain Land on Which a Subsidy Has Been Paid"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §581-H by striking out all of subsection 1 (page 1, lines 19 to 22 in amendment) and inserting the following:

1. Legislative intent and purpose. The State, through the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law, has encouraged forest landowners to retain and improve their holdings of forest lands upon the tax rolls of the State and has promoted better forest management by appropriate tax measures in order to protect this unique economic and recreational resource. This subsidization by the State of property taxes on parcels of land enrolled under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law demonstrates the interest of the State in the land of the State.

As the holder of the 2nd-largest amount of land in this State and a significant market participant in timber operations, the State has an active interest in ensuring that large parcels of land that the State has subsidized remain available for logging and recreational activities, if feasible.

It is the intent of the Legislature to further the purpose of this subchapter by acquiring, so far as is practicable and appropriate, significant forest land that is being sold, to ensure the protection of this economic and recreational state resource.'

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §581-H in subsection 3 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 5 in amendment) by inserting after "purchaser" the following: 'who is not a citizen of the United States'

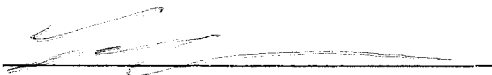
SUMMARY

This amendment provides legislative intent for providing the State the right of first refusal on large parcels of land that are enrolled under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law

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1 and are offered for sale. This amendment also limits the right of first refusal to those
2 parcels of land for which an offer to purchase has been made by a person who is not a
3 citizen of the United States.

4 **SPONSORED BY:** 

5 (Senator JACKSON)

6 COUNTY: Aroostook

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

SENATE AMENDMENT



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LR 2867(05)

An Act To Provide the State the Right of First Refusal for the Purchase of Certain Land on Which a Subsidy Has Been Paid

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Jackson of Aroostook

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Reduces contingent current biennium cost increase - General Fund
Reduces contingent current biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds
Reduces contingent current biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Limiting the State's right of first refusal to parcels of land for which an offer to purchase has been made by a person who is not a citizen of the United States would reduce the number of times the State would exercise that right. Any impacts described in the fiscal note for the committee amendment would be greatly reduced.