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4 STATE OF MAINE  
5 SENATE  
6 128TH LEGISLATURE  
7 SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 SUMMARY

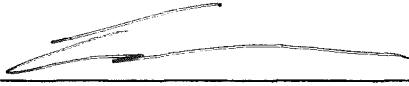
31 This amendment provides legislative intent for providing the State the right of first  
32 refusal on large parcels of land that are enrolled under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law

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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 resident of the United States.

4 **SPONSORED BY:**  \_\_\_\_\_

5 (Senator JACKSON)

6 COUNTY: Aroostook

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**

# SENATE AMENDMENT



Approved: 06/20/18 *MAC*

# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1844

LR 2867(06)

**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 "B" to Committee Amendment "A"**

**Sponsor: Sen. Jackson of Aroostook**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## 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 resident 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.