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L.D. 36

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 44, L.D. 36, "An Act To Amend the Definition of "Timber Harvesting""

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before enacting clause the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry relies on timber harvest notifications to track green wood movement in the State and on accurate information provided by landowners and wood processors to track wood use, which, in turn, informs forest policy discussions; and

Whereas, with the increase in large power line, wind farm and solar projects throughout the State, this legislation must take effect as soon as possible to assist the regulated community to better understand when it is necessary to file a timber harvest notification with the Bureau of Forestry; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 4 in the last line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "10." the following: '"Timber harvesting" does not include reclaiming trees, logs or bark from timber harvesting or other operations, including but not limited to retrieving submerged timbers from log drives or bark from bark piles.'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that, for purposes of the laws governing forest practices, timber harvesting does not include reclaiming trees, logs or bark left over from timber harvesting or other operations, including but not limited to retrieving submerged timbers from log drives or bark from bark piles. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LD 36

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An Act To Amend the Definition of "Timber Harvesting"

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-25)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry as a result of changes to the definition of timber harvesting and reporting requirements for timber harvesting operations are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.