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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

130TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 457, L.D. 1407, "An Act To Provide That a Forestry Operation That Conforms to Accepted Practices May Not Be Declared a Nuisance"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Regarding Authority of Municipalities To Regulate Timber Harvesting'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'**Sec. 1. Stakeholder group regarding authority of municipalities to regulate timber harvesting. Resolved:** That the Director of the Maine Forest Service within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall convene a group of stakeholders, including, but not limited to, organizations representing municipalities, family woodland owners, logging contractors, farmers, outdoor recreation and environmental interests and consulting foresters who work in multiple municipalities, to review and assess the law in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 8869, subsection 8 and the corresponding process relating to a municipal proposal to adopt or amend a timber harvesting ordinance. The director shall report the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by December 15, 2021. The joint standing committee may submit a bill to the 130th Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The amendment requires the Director of the Maine Forest Service within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convene a stakeholder group to review and assess the law and corresponding process relating to a municipal proposal to adopt or amend a timber harvesting ordinance. The amendment directs the director to report the findings and recommendations of the

stakeholder group to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and authorizes the joint standing committee to submit a bill relating to the subject matter of the report to the 130th Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

Approved: 05/12/21 mac

130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1407 **LR 544(02)**

An Act To Provide That a Forestry Operation That Conforms to Accepted Practices May Not Be Declared a Nuisance

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-99)
Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry as a result of convening a stakeholder group to review and assess the law and corresponding process relating to a municipal proposal to adopt or amend a timber harvesting ordinance and report recommended changes are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.