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**STATE OF MAINE
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128TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 9, L.D. 8, Bill, “An Act To Protect Maine’s Forest Rangers”

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8901, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. SS, §1, is further amended to read:

A. The forest protection unit of the Bureau of Forestry shall employ no fewer than 45 and no more than 50 forest rangers classified as Forest Ranger II to serve as wildfire control specialists and forestry law enforcement officers, and no fewer than 16 forest rangers classified as follows: 3 Regional Rangers, 8 District Rangers, one Forest Fire Prevention Specialist, one Ranger Pilot Supervisor and 3 Ranger Pilots. Each forest ranger and the state supervisor of the forest protection unit of the Bureau of Forestry within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry must, at a minimum, be a graduate of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's law enforcement preservice program or equivalent meet the training requirements of Title 25, section 2804-L.'

Amend the amendment in section 4 in the first paragraph in the first line (page 2, line 20 in amendment) by striking out the following: "2018" and inserting the following: '2019'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 5 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF
Division of Forest Protection Z232**

Initiative: Provides appropriations for the purchase of firearms, ammunition, holsters and lockboxes, and for training and overtime staffing costs associated with a firearms training program for forest rangers.

1	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
2	Personal Services	\$0	\$25,065
3	All Other	\$0	\$71,872
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5	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$96,937

6 **Forest Health and Monitoring Z233**

7 Initiative: Provides appropriations for the purchase of firearms, ammunition, holsters and
 8 lockboxes, and for training and overtime staffing costs associated with a firearms training
 9 program for forest rangers.

10	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
11	Personal Services	\$0	\$10,238
12	All Other	\$0	\$29,356
13			
14	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$39,594

15 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND**
 16 **FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**
 17 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

18		2017-18	2018-19
19	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$136,531
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21	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$136,531
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23 **SUMMARY**

24 This amendment changes the beginning date for completion of the training
 25 requirements to July 1, 2019 from July 1, 2018. This amendment also removes the
 26 amounts appropriated in fiscal year 2017-18 and appropriates those amounts in fiscal year
 27 2018-19.

28 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

29 (See attached)

30 SPONSORED BY: _____

31 (Senator HAMPER)

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