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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 750, L.D. 1849, “An Act to Ensure Fair and Timely Payment in the Harvesting of Forest Products”

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

'Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 235 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 235

PAYMENT FOR HARVESTING WOOD

§1500-Q. Payment for harvesting wood

An entity that contracts with a person to harvest wood and place the wood roadside so that the entity is able to have the wood hauled away for use or processing must pay the person within 30 days of the person's fulfilling the contract and placing the wood roadside. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or a person licensed to scale wood pursuant to section 2365-A under contract with the department shall conduct random inspections to ensure that entities are complying with the requirements of this section.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill. The amendment requires an entity that contracts with a person to harvest wood and place the wood roadside so that the entity is able to have the wood hauled away for use or processing to pay the person within 30 days of the person's fulfilling the contract and placing the wood roadside. The amendment also requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and

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1 Forestry or a wood scaler under contract with the department to conduct random
2 inspections to ensure that entities are complying with this requirement.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)