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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §9326, 3rd ¶, as amended by PL 2017, c. 449, §3, is further amended to read:

A person may apply for a permit to burn using the Internet or as otherwise provided in this article. When a person applies for and is issued a permit electronically pursuant to this section, a fee of \$7 must be paid. From the \$7 fee, \$4 must be deposited in the General Fund, \$2 must be transferred to the municipality in which the permit is issued and the remainder of \$1 must be used to cover administrative costs. For a permit issued in the unorganized and deorganized areas, from the \$7 fee, \$6 must be deposited in the General Fund and the remainder of \$1 must be used to cover administrative costs may not be charged.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §9327, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 449, §4, is amended to read:

6. Private party burn permit software to be provided at no charge. A vendor or owner of a private party burn permit software system may not charge a municipality for use of private party burn permit software approved under subsection 1.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Division of Forest Protection 0232

Initiative: Provides funding for an online burn permit system from InforME.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$0	\$9,600
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$9,600

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

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that a person may not be charged a fee to obtain an online burn permit.

The amendment also allows a vendor or owner of a private party burn permit software system to charge a municipality for use of private party burn permit software.

The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)