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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 486, L.D. 714, Bill, “An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing the Rule-making Authority of the Maine Forest Service”

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8306, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 547, §1 and amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §6, is further amended to read:

1. Quarantines. ~~The~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the director may establish by rule a quarantine to restrict or prohibit the transportation within, into or from the State or any portion of the State of any forest or shade tree or part of any forest or shade tree, including, but not limited to, logs, bark, branches, seeds or scion material, or alternate host materials capable of supporting a disease or insect infestation when the following conditions are met:

A. The director finds that there exists within the State or in any other state, country or province a plant disease caused by a plant pathogen not native to the State or an infestation of insects not native to the State that, in the opinion of the director, is likely to kill or seriously injure forest or shade trees in large numbers; and

B. A quarantine to protect against the plant disease or insect infestation has not been established by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States or is not in effect.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph B in subparagraph (1) in the first line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "is host to" and inserting the following: 'harbors'

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph B in subparagraph (2) in the first line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "is host to" and inserting the following: 'harbors'

Amend the bill by adding after section 1 the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

