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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 231, L.D. 641, Bill, “An Act To Exempt Farmers from Certain Oversight in Shoreland Areas”

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

'An Act To Exempt Agriculture, Timber Harvesting and Public Employees from Certain Oversight in Shoreland Areas'

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

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, changes to the requirement that farmers must ensure that a person certified in erosion control practices be present during earth-moving activity are needed for the current growing season; and

Whereas, the 2013 growing season will begin prior to the effective date of nonemergency legislation; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §436-A, sub-§1-B is enacted to read:

1-B. Agriculture. "Agriculture" means the production, keeping or maintenance for sale or lease of plants or animals, including, but not limited to, forages and sod crops, grains and seed crops, dairy animals and dairy products, poultry and poultry products, livestock, fruits and vegetables and ornamental and greenhouse products. "Agriculture" does not include forest management and timber harvesting activities.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

