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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 385, L.D. 541, Bill, “An Act Regarding the Commercial Forestry Excise Tax”

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8879, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 2011, c. 532, §2, is further amended to read:

1-A. Report on changes in ownership of forest land. Using information received under Title 36, section 581-G, the director shall monitor changes in ownership of parcels of forest land that are 1,000 acres or greater in area within the municipalities of the State and classified under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law. Using information received under Title 36, sections 581-F and 581-G, the director shall monitor the number of parcels classified under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law and the distribution of parcels by size. The report must include information on the number of parcels, classified by size categories, for the organized and unorganized territories of the State. The information must be presented in a manner that facilitates comparison from year to year.

In assessing changes in forest land ownership, the director shall also consider information reported pursuant to Title 36, ~~sections section 305 and 2728~~. The director shall provide a summary of changes in ownership of forest land in the report.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §191, sub-§2, ¶PP, as amended by PL 2011, c. 211, §19 and c. 331, §9 and affected by §§16 and 17 and amended by c. 439, §5 and affected by §12 and amended by c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA c. 367, as amended, is repealed.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill and repeals the commercial forestry excise tax.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)