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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
129TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 604, L.D. 1788, Bill, “An Act To Eliminate Online Burn Permit Fees for All Areas of the State”

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.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
2	All Other	\$0	\$9,600
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$9,600
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6 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
7 section number to read consecutively.

8 **SUMMARY**

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

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

13 The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

14 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

15 **(See attached)**