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Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 11 and inserting the following:

‘**Sec. 11. 33 MRSA §479-C** is enacted to read:

§ 479-C. Conservation easement registry

A holder of a conservation easement that is organized or doing business in the State shall annually report to the Executive Department, State Planning Office the book and page number at the registry of deeds for each conservation easement that it holds, the municipality and approximate number of acres protected under each easement and such other information as the State Planning Office determines necessary to fulfill the purposes of this subchapter. The filing must be made by a date and on forms established by the State Planning Office to avoid duplicative filings when possible and otherwise reduce administrative burdens. The annual filing must be accompanied by a \$30 fee. The State Planning Office shall maintain a permanent record of the registration and report to the Attorney General any failure of a holder disclosed by the filing or otherwise known to the State Planning Office. The fees established under this section must be held by the State Planning Office in a nonlapsing, special account to defray the costs of maintaining the registry and carrying out its duties under this section.

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 11 the following:

‘EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Land for Maine's Future Fund 0060

Initiative: Allocates funds to maintain the conservation easement registry.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2007-08	2008-09
All Other	\$3,060	\$3,060
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,060	\$3,060

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

SUMMARY

This amendment deletes the section of the bill relating to termination and modification of conservation easements.

This amendment deletes the section of the bill relating to the termination of a conservation easement when it is no longer in the public interest.

This amendment deletes the section of the bill relating to entering land to ensure compliance with the terms of a conservation easement.

This amendment deletes the section of the bill relating to new conservation easement standards.

This amendment deletes the section of the bill relating to judicial action affecting a conservation easement.

This amendment requires the annual filing by conservation easement holders to be made directly to the Executive Department, State Planning Office rather than through the Secretary of State. The filing fee has been changed to \$30 to cover the costs estimated by the State Planning Office for setting up and maintaining the registry. The special reference to filing by government easement holders in the bill is eliminated as unnecessary because the filing is to be made directly to the State Planning Office rather than as part of an annual corporate filing with the Secretary of State.

This amendment deletes the requirement in the bill concerning the transfer tax form.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)