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HOUSE BILL **124**

AN ACT enabling a municipal forest committee or conservation commission to offer surplus money to the municipality for deposit in the municipal unreserved fund balance.

SPONSORS: Rep. A. Davis, Coos 2; Rep. Cole, Hills. 26; Rep. Ouellet, Coos 3; Rep. Tierney, Coos 1; Rep. Michael. Murphy, Coos 6; Rep. Durkin, Coos 1; Rep. Korzen, Coos 7

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill enables a municipal forest committee or conservation commission to determine there is a surplus in the special forest maintenance fund and offer such surplus to the municipality for deposit into the municipal unreserved fund balance.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 165:1 Forestry Committee; Conservation Commission; Forest Maintenance Fund; Surplus. Amend
2 RSA 31:113 to read as follows:

3 31:113 Appropriations Authorized. For the purposes of establishing or maintaining a city or town
4 forest, a city or town may raise and appropriate such funds as it deems necessary. The proceeds from
5 said forest shall be placed in a special forest maintenance fund and shall be allowed to accumulate from
6 year to year, unless otherwise voted by the legislative body of such city or town. ***Notwithstanding RSA***
7 ***31:95-b, if the fund expending authority determines that the special forest maintenance fund has a***
8 ***surplus, such committee or commission may, after a majority vote to do so, offer the surplus to the***
9 ***municipality for deposit in the unreserved fund balance. The legislative body of the municipality shall vote***
10 ***to accept the surplus for deposit.***

165:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: July 15, 2025
Effective Date: September 13, 2025