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Senate Bill 160 (as introduced 1-28-99)
Sponsor: Senator Dave Jaye
Committee: Hunting, Fishing and Forestry

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 351 (Wilderness and Natural Areas) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to provide that a person could pick, for personal consumption, up to one bushel of wild mushrooms per day on State land in a wilderness area, wild area, or natural area, or on State land proposed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for dedication as a wilderness area, wild area, or natural area.

Under the Act, the following are prohibited on State land in a wilderness area, wild area, or natural area, or on State land proposed to be a dedicated area:

- The removing, cutting, picking, or altering of vegetation, except as necessary for appropriate public access, preservation of a plant or wildlife species, or documentation of scientific values and with written consent. (The bill would create an exception to this prohibition.)
- Exploration for or extraction of minerals.
- A commercial enterprise, utility, or permanent road.
- A temporary road; landing of aircraft; use of motor vehicles, motorboats, or other form of mechanical transport; or any structure or installation, except as necessary to meet minimum emergency requirements for administration as a wilderness area, wild area, or natural area by the DNR.
- Motorized equipment, except if the DNR approves its use for management purposes or conservation practices.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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