

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 891

H. P. 715

House of Representatives, March 5, 1975

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hunter of Benton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Protect Landowners Whose Land Abuts Land on Which Ten
or More Acres of Timber is to be Cut.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

14 MRSA § 7552-A is enacted to read:

§ 7552-A. Land on which 10 acres or more of wood is to be harvested

Whoever cuts down, or authorizes to be cut down, trees on his own land where such cutting involves an area greater than 10 acres, shall clearly mark the boundaries of the land to be cut. The owner of property on which an area of 10 acres or more is to be cut shall be responsible under section 7552 for any damage done to abutting property resulting from a failure to so mark his own property. Failure to comply with this section, when a violation of section 7552 occurs, shall be prima facie evidence of a willful and knowing violation of section 7552.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to correct the situation in which a landowner finds that his woods have been harvested by a cutter who did not clearly understand the property boundaries because his employer failed to insure that they were known to the cutter.