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Office of the Secretary of the Senate, January 9, 1979.

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Require that Trees Cut Along Highways or Public Ways be Cut at
Ground Level or that the Stumps be Removed.**

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

23 MRSA § 1403, is enacted to read:

§ 1403. Cutting or removal of trees

Any person or entity of state, county or municipal government which has the right or responsibility for cutting or removing trees within the limits of or any right-of-way adjacent to a state-aid or state highway or any other highway or public way shall, when cutting or removing those trees, cut or remove the trees at a height even with the ground surrounding the trees or shall cause the stumps of these trees to be removed from the ground.

Whoever violates this section commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not more than \$500 may be adjudged for each violation.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require that persons or governmental entities which cut trees within the right-of-way of a public road cut the trees at ground level or remove the tree stumps.