

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 562

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7 H.P. 460

House of Representatives, February 7, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, sent up for
9 concurrence and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Brown of Bethel.

Cosponsors: Representative Hall of Sangerville and Senator Pearson of
11 Penobscot.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Provide for an Analysis of
18 the Future of Maine's Forest Resources.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. Statement of purpose. The Legislature
23 recognizes the importance of Maine's forest resources
24 in the state's past, present and future economy.
25 Forest industries employ large numbers of persons in
26 the State and contribute significantly in the form of
27 recreation, commerce, taxes and civic affairs. The
28 United States Forest Service has completed a techni-
29 cal study which will soon be published, entitled "The
30 1981-82 Decennial Resurvey of the Forest Resources of
31 Maine." This study will have an important impact on
32 the future of the Maine forest industry and the econ-
33 omy and environment of the State.

1 Sec. 2. Steering committee established. There
2 is a steering committee established composed of 9
3 members as follows: Two members of the Senate, one
4 appointed by the majority leader and one appointed by
5 the minority leader; 2 members of the House of Repre-
6 sentatives, one appointed by the majority leader and
7 one appointed by the minority leader; 4 members
8 appointed by the Governor who have knowledge and
9 experience in the forest industry and at least one of
10 whom is a representative of the University of Maine
11 College of Forestry; and the Commissioner of Conser-
12 vation or his designee.

13 Sec. 3. Conference and report. The steering
14 committee will work with the Department of Conserva-
15 tion and the University of Maine College of Forestry
16 to:

17 1. Develop a conference which will explore the
18 impact of the United States Forest Service study upon
19 the management of Maine's forest resources and upon
20 public use and tax policy relating to Maine's for-
21 ests; and

22 2. Issue a report containing the proceedings of
23 the conference, together with any recommendations and
24 appropriate legislation, by December 1, 1983, to the
25 Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature.

26 STATEMENT OF FACT

27 This bill recognizes the importance of Maine's
28 forest resources and establishes a steering committee
29 to coordinate consideration of a recent United States
30 Forest Service study and make recommendations regard-
31 ing its impact upon the state's forests.

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