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House of Representatives, March 14, 1995

**An Act to Require Review by the Attorney General of Purchases of
Large Tracts of Land under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law.**

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.
Cosponsored by Representative JACQUES of Waterville and
Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, DEXTER of Kingfield, GOULD of Greenville,
TREAT of Gardiner, Senators: HALL of Piscataquis, LAWRENCE of York, LONGLEY of
Waldo, LORD of York, MICHAUD of Penobscot, PARADIS of Aroostook, RUHLIN of
Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §574-B, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 555,
§16, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6 3. Transfer of ownership. If the land is transferred to a
new owner, the following requirements must be met.

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10 A. A forest management and harvest plan must be prepared
12 for the landowner and a sworn statement to that effect
14 submitted within one year to the municipal assessor in a
16 municipality or the State Tax Assessor for the unorganized
18 territory.

20 B. For transfers of ownership totalling more than 25,000
22 acres, the transfer must be reviewed by the Attorney General
24 prior to the transfer to determine whether the transfer may
26 result in the violation of any laws of the State. As part
28 of the review required by this paragraph, the Attorney
30 General shall hold a public hearing to provide an
opportunity for members of the public to comment on the
transfer.

24 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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28 This bill requires prior review by the Attorney General of
30 transfers of land totalling more than 25,000 acres if that land
is to continue to be classified under the Maine Tree Growth Tax
Law.