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House of Representatives, February 18, 1997

An Act to Provide Public Information on Forest Management Practices.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SAMSON of Jay.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and
Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, BERRY of Livermore, HATCH of Skowhegan, RINES
of Wiscasset, Senators: KILKELLY of Lincoln, NUTTING of Androscoggin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8884, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 555,
§12 and affected by c. 600, Pt. B, §11, is repealed.

6 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §8884, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

8 4. Public information. Volume information contained in
10 these reports is public information.

12 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §8885, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

14 2-A. Plantation establishment report. Owners of forest
16 land on which plantations have been established on more than 3
18 acres in any year shall report the location of the plantation,
the acreage planted, the stand type prior to plantation
establishment, the species planted and any other information
needed to assess the impact of these practices to the director.

20 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §8885, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 555,
§12 and affected by c. 600, Pt. B, §11, is amended to read:

22 **3. Reports.** Reports required under subsection 1 shall be
24 are due January 1st and July 1st. Reports required under
26 subsection subsections 2 shall be and 2-A are due during the
28 month of January. If the period of cutting under subsections
30 subsection 1 or 2 extends beyond December 31st of any calendar
year, a report shall must be submitted during the month of
January for the preceding year.

32 **Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §8885, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 555,
§12 and affected by c. 600, Pt. B, §11, is repealed.

34 **Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §8885, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

36 4-A. Public information. Information contained in reports
38 filed under this section is public information.

40 SUMMARY

42 This bill makes the following changes to the laws governing
44 reports concerning forest practices activities:

46 1. It makes annual wood processing reports available to the
public;

48 2. It requires landowners to report information regarding
the establishment of plantations; and

50 3. It makes harvest reports available to the public.