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An Act To Make Technical Changes in Laws Relating to Conservation

Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and
ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative PINEAU of Jay.
Cosponsored by Representative: FLOOD of Winthrop, Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8611, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 700,
Pt. A, §40, is further amended to read:

6 **2. Natural resource educator.** The director shall employ a
7 natural resource educator to develop and coordinate natural
8 resource education, workshops and training opportunities for
9 school-age children, forest landowners, forest products
10 harvesters and forest managers. ~~Specifically, this person shall:~~

12 ~~A.-- Work with the Department of Education and organizations~~
13 ~~to integrate forestry and forest science programs into the~~
14 ~~science curricula in public schools, and~~

16 ~~B.-- Establish a program for continuing education courses in~~
17 ~~timber harvesting equipment operation, safety and basic~~
18 ~~forest management skills.~~

20 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §8701**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 21, §§1 to
21 3, is repealed.

22 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §8883-A**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 242, §1,
23 is repealed.

24 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §8883-B, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

26 **8. Forgery.** Every required element of a notification
27 specified in this section is deemed to be a written instrument
28 subject to the laws relating to forgery.

30 **Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §8884, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 242,
31 §2, is further amended to read:

32 **2. Imports and exports.** Persons, firms, corporations or
33 companies selling forest products out of the State or buying
34 forest products to bring into the State shall submit an annual
35 report to the director of the bureau during the month of January
36 for the forest products sold out of the State or brought into the
37 State. The report must also identify the origin of imported
38 forest products by state or country, the county in the State in
39 which exported forest products were harvested and the destination
40 of exported forest products by state or country.

41 **Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §8886, sub-§2, ¶B**, as amended by PL 1997, c.
42 720, §18, is repealed.

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SUMMARY

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4 This bill makes several technical changes to the laws
relating to conservation. Specifically, the bill does the
6 following.

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8 1. It repeals obsolete language regarding the Department of
Conservation, Bureau of Forestry's natural resource educator.

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12 2. It repeals obsolete language regarding the Bureau of
Forestry's tree nursery.

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14 3. It makes falsification of information on a timber
harvesting notification equivalent to forgery.

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18 4. It repeals obsolete and redundant provisions and makes
minor modifications to language regarding the Bureau of
Forestry's collection of information on log imports and exports.

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5. It repeals obsolete language regarding the Bureau of
Forestry's collection of information on mill-delivered prices.