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House of Representatives, February 12, 2015

**An Act Regarding Timber Harvesting on Land Managed by the
Bureau of Parks and Lands**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MARTIN of Sinclair, SAUCIER of Presque Isle.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1804, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 604, §4; PL 2011,
3 c. 657, Pt. W, §7; and PL 2013, c. 405, Pt. A, §24, is further amended to read:

4 **5. Bureau budget.** Prepare and submit to the commissioner the budget for the
5 bureau; ~~and~~

6 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §1804, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 604, §5 and amended
7 by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §7 and PL 2013, c. 405, Pt. A, §24, is further amended to read:

8 **6. Restrictions on public access.** Post notice of any restrictions to public access at
9 points commonly used to access the land or at a facility or structure where such rules and
10 notices are regularly posted. The director may restrict public access to any portion of the
11 land or waters within the bureau's jurisdiction when the restrictions reasonably relate to
12 protecting public health, safety or welfare or the economic interests or natural resources
13 of the State; and

14 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §1804, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

15 **7. Restriction on timber harvesting.** Provide that the State may not contract for
16 timber harvesting on land managed by the bureau under this chapter with a person who
17 employs persons under the federal labor certification process for employment of foreign
18 workers in logging under 20 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 655.200, et seq., for
19 that purpose.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill prohibits the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau
22 of Parks and Lands from contracting for timber harvesting on land under its management
23 if the contractor uses persons employed under the federal labor certification process for
24 employment of foreign workers in logging for that purpose.