

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2020

Legislative Document

No. 2061

S.P. 731

In Senate, January 16, 2020

An Act Regarding the Transportation of Products in the Forest Products Industry

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield and
Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representatives:
HARNETT of Gardiner, STANLEY of Medway, TIPPING of Orono, ZEIGLER of Montville.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §574-D** is enacted to read:

3 **§574-D. Intrastate transportation of forest products**

4 If a landowner owns 50,000 or more acres of forest land in the State and allows the
5 transportation of forest products harvested on the landowner's land from a location in the
6 State to another location in the State in violation of federal law or regulation or an
7 international trade agreement, all land of that landowner must be considered ineligible for
8 classification under this subchapter and must be withdrawn pursuant to section 581.

9 A landowner whose land is withdrawn from classification under this section is not
10 eligible for a property tax exemption under subchapter 4-C, reimbursement under chapter
11 915 or any income tax credit under chapter 822 and may not receive any state-awarded
12 grant or other state funding.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill provides that land of a landowner that owns 50,000 or more acres of forest
15 land in the State and allows transportation of forest products harvested on the landowner's
16 land from a location in the State to another location in the State in violation of federal law
17 or regulation or an international trade agreement is ineligible for classification under the
18 Maine Tree Growth Tax Law and the landowner may not receive certain tax incentives or
19 state grants or other state funding.