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March 8, 1933

Hon. Wm. M. Rea
Representative to the Legislature
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mr. Rea:

You have asked the opinion of this office concerning the effect of the passage of bill, --

"An Act Repealing the Law Relating to
Auxiliary State Forests."

H.P. 228, L.D. 128.

The original Auxiliary State Forest law was created by Chapter 78, Public Laws 1921. This bill was amended by Chapter 138, Public Laws 1923. By Chapter 306, Public Laws 1929, the original law, as amended, was specifically repealed and the present set-up of auxiliary state forests was established.

Under the provision of Chapter 306, state, town and plantation assessors are instructed as to the value they shall place upon land under the Auxiliary State Forest law.

If the above bill, H.P. 228, L.D. 128, is passed its effect will be to entirely eliminate any provision of law relative to Auxiliary State forests, since the repeal of a law does not work the revival of the previous law. Accordingly, if H.P. 228, L.D. 128 is passed, the assessors will have no warrant of law to exempt land before that time in the Auxiliary State forests from valuation at its just value.

Very truly yours,

Attorney General

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