

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 684

House of Representatives, February 17, 1971

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Webber of Belfast.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Cutting of Trees Near Public Highways.

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

R. S., T. 12, § 519, additional. Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 519 to read as follows:

§ 519. Cutting Trees

It is unlawful to cut down trees within a distance of 100 feet of any highway, other than the practice of selective cutting of trees consistent with good forestry management practices.

STATEMENT OF FACT

There have been some very flagrant and unsightly clear cutting operations along some of the highways of Maine. Public attention is today strongly focused on protecting the forest environment and scenic beauty. It would therefore appear in the public interest to preserve a green strip of forest growth where cutting operations take place near public highways. This would not prevent the landowner or the land operator to carry out within the green strip selective cutting forestry practices.