

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 8, 1973

The Committee on Natural Resources suggested by the Committee on Reference of Bills. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dyar of Strong.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Sale of Timber Stumpage on the Public Reserved
Lands.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 30, § 4162, amended. The last paragraph of section 4162 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 65 of chapter 226 of the public laws of 1965 is amended to read as follows:

Preference in such ~~sales or~~ leases shall be given to persons, firms or corporations of this State.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 30, § 4162, amended. Section 4162 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 65 of chapter 226 of the public laws of 1965, is amended by adding the following new paragraph at the end:

Sales of timber stumpage on any public reserved land shall be made only to persons, firms or corporations of the county where such public reserved land is located, except that no such sale shall be made to any such corporation having more than 5 stockholders. With the exception of pulpwood bolts, no lumber so taken from the public reserved lots shall be exported from the State unless in a finished condition or as dimensional lumber.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Out-of-state processors have jeopardized the jobs of Maine citizens by removing our timber from the State for processing. Wood cutters have had to compete with Canadian labor and Canadian trucking. It is justifiable that Maine people should benefit when cutting operations do take place on our public lots. Citizens should be in a position wherein they would be able to bid on stumpage without having to compete with the charisma of large corporate enterprises.