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H. P. 2162

House of Representatives, February 28, 1978

The Committee on Transportation suggested. Approved for introduction by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 25.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wyman of Pittsfield.

Cosponsors: Mr. Hall of Sangerville, Mr. Locke of Sebec, Mr. Austin of Bingham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-EIGHT

AN ACT Relating to the Transportation of Primary Wood Products.

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

Sec. 1. 35 MRSA §1560, sub-§1, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 101, is amended to read:

If a state, district or country requires a permit or charges residents of this State any fee for transportation exempted under this subsection, the commission shall require a permit and charge fees as required by section 1557, except as herein provided.

Sec. 2. 35 MRSA §1560, sub-§1, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 101, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

If any state, district, province or country prohibits, in any way, the transportation of wood, pulpwood, logs or sawed lumber from that state, district, province or country to this State, or by law or regulation requires a citizen of this State to

establish citizenship, a residence or place of business or to register a business in that state, district, province or country in order to transport wood, pulpwood, logs or sawed lumber from that state, district, province or country to this State, similar provisions shall apply to residents of that state, district, province or country who transport wood, pulpwood, logs or sawed lumber from Maine to that state, district, province or country.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to enable Maine citizens who haul primary wood products to compete with nonresidents who also transport wood products. In some cases, foreign states discriminate against and severely limit Maine residents with respect to the transportation of primary woods, but Maine's law is not as severe. As a result, Maine citizens who transport primary wood products are placed at a severe disadvantage. This bill provides that foreign laws pertaining to the transportation of primary wood products from Maine to foreign states by Maine citizens will prevail with respect to the transportation of wood products from foreign states to Maine unless the law is similar to that of Maine.