

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 551

H. P. 434

House of Representatives, February 14, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Churchill of Orland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Establishing Penalties for Cutting Timber Without the Owner's Permission.

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

17 MRSA § 2510 is enacted to read:

§ 2510. Unlawful cutting of trees

Any person who willfully or negligently cuts down or fells any tree without the consent of the owner of the property on which the tree stands commits a civil violation for which the following forfeitures may be adjudged:

1. Trees 4 to 6 inches in diameter. For each tree 4 to 6 inches in diameter which is cut or felled a forfeiture of \$25;
2. Trees 6 to 10 inches in diameter. For each tree 6 to 10 inches in diameter which is cut or felled a forfeiture of \$50; and
3. Trees 10 inches or more in diameter. Each tree 10 inches or more in diameter a forfeiture of \$75.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

Presently there is no fine or forfeiture in this State for cutting trees on other people's property without their permission. This bill would provide that any person unlawfully cutting trees without the permission of the land owner would be subject to a civil forfeiture of \$25 for each tree 4 to 6 inches in diameter; \$50 for each tree 6 to 10 inches in diameter; and \$75 for each tree 10 inches or more in diameter.