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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Locke of Sebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Amend the Maine Christmas Tree Law to Include Registration for Transportation.

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

12 MRSA § 8848, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 545, § 3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 8848. Registration required

It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, for commercial purposes, to transport Christmas trees or evergreen boughs from private, state or federal lands to any place or places within or outside this State without first registering with the Bureau of Forestry or persons designated by the Director of the Bureau of Forestry but no registration is required of landowners or holders of written permits from landowners for cutting or bundling or hauling these trees and boughs to roadside. Forms for registering shall be provided by the director. The annual fee for Christmas tree transport registration, if obtained from the Bureau of Forestry, is \$11, payable to the Treasurer of State and credited to the General Fund, and, if that registration is obtained from any municipal clerk, the annual fee is \$12, \$11 of which is payable to the Treasurer of State and credited to the General Fund and \$1 of which shall be retained by the clerk for the service of issuing the certificates of registration.

The annual fee for each intrastate evergreen bough transport registration, if obtained from the Bureau of Forestry, is \$1 payable to the Treasurer of State and credited to the General Fund and if that registration is obtained from any municipal clerk, the annual fee is \$1.50, \$1 of which is payable to the Treasurer of State and credited to the General Fund and 50¢ of which shall be retained by the clerk for the service of issuing the certificates of registration.

In the case of any evergreen boughs transported, those boughs shall be severed from the trunks of the trees.

All these registrations shall expire on December 31st of the year issued. A record of all registrations issued shall be kept by the director at his office and shall be open to inspection by any person during reasonable business hours. No certificate of registration is required for transporting Christmas wreaths, wired sprays, roping or other similar manufactured products.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will correct an error made when the forestry statutes were recodified in 1979. At that time, the paragraphs concerning the transportation of boughs and tips were inadvertently left out.