

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 948

H. P. 794

House of Representatives, February 20, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Michael of Auburn.

Cosponsor: Representative Jacques of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Silviculture.

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

12 MRSA § 520-C is enacted to read:

§ 520-C. Filing of commercial forest management plans

Each person who owns more than 1,000 acres of commercial forest land in the deorganized and unorganized areas of the State shall file a forest management plan with the Director of the Bureau of Forestry by January 1, 1982 and every 3 years thereafter. This plan shall contain as a minimum the following information: The location of the forest by township and area within the township; the method of intended harvest or other silvicultural practices; the volume and species of trees intended to be removed; the anticipated percentages of the stand expected to be removed and to be remaining; the percentage of the owner's total holdings expected to be affected by this plan; the approximate annual growth increment of the owner's holdings; and the anticipated source and amount of regeneration.

Any significant changes in an owner's forest management plan arising subsequent to filing shall be reflected in a notice to the Director of the Bureau of Forestry submitted on a semiannual basis. If an owner determines that no significant changes in his forest management plan have occurred, no notice need be submitted.

Forest management plans filed pursuant to this section are not subject to approval by the Bureau of Forestry or any other state agency or official. The Director of the Bureau of Forestry may appoint an advisory board representing a cross-section of Maine citizens to review forest management plans filed with him.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires land owners of 1,000 acres or more to file a forest management plan with the Director of the Bureau of Forestry.