

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 44
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7 H.P. 39

House of Representatives, January 5, 1983

8 Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources suggested
9 and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Perkins of Brooksville.

Cosponsors: Representative Hall of Sangerville, Senator Perkins of
11 Hancock and Senator Brown of Washington.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
16

17 AN ACT to Amend the Maine Christmas
18 Tree Law to Include Registration for
19 Transportation.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 12 MRSA §8848, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 545, §3,
24 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

25 §8848. Registration required

26 It is unlawful for any person, firm or corpora-
27 tion, for commercial purposes, to transport Christmas
28 trees or evergreen boughs from private, state or fed-
29 eral lands to any place or places within or outside
30 this State without first registering with the Bureau
31 of Forestry or persons designated by the Director of
32 the Bureau of Forestry, but no registration is re-

1 quired of landowners or holders of written permits
2 from landowners for cutting, bundling or hauling
3 these trees and boughs to roadside. Forms for regis-
4 tering shall be provided by the director. The annual
5 fee for Christmas tree transport registration, if
6 obtained from the Bureau of Forestry, is \$11, payable
7 to the Treasurer of State and credited to the General
8 Fund, and, if that registration is obtained from any
9 municipal clerk, the annual fee is \$12, \$11 of which
10 is payable to the Treasurer of State and credited to
11 the General Fund and \$1 of which shall be retained by
12 the clerk for the service of issuing the certifi-
13 cates of registration.

14 The annual fee for each intrastate evergreen
15 bough transport registration, if obtained from the
16 Bureau of Forestry, is \$1 payable to the Treasurer of
17 State and credited to the General Fund and, if that
18 registration is obtained from any municipal clerk,
19 the annual fee is \$5.00, \$4 of which is payable to
20 the Treasurer of State and credited to the General
21 Fund and \$1 of which shall be retained by the clerk
22 for the service of issuing the certificates of regis-
23 tration.

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

27 All these registrations shall expire on December
28 31st of the year issued. A record of all registra-
29 tions issued shall be kept by the director at his
30 office and shall be open to inspection by any person
31 during reasonable business hours. No certificate of
32 registration is required for transporting Christmas
33 wreaths, wired sprays, roping or other similar manu-
34 factured products.

35 STATEMENT OF FACT

36 The paragraphs contained in this bill concerning
37 the transportation of boughs and tips were inadver-
38 tently left out. This bill inserts these paragraphs.

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