

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

No. 1130

7 H.P. 800

House of Representatives, March 26, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered  
9 printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Connors of Franklin.

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12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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17 AN ACT to Permit Limited Operation of Woods  
18 Vehicles on State Highways.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §255, as amended by PL 1981, c.  
23 49, is further amended by adding at the end a new  
24 paragraph to read:

25 No registration or license may be required for a  
26 converted motor vehicle used as a woods tractor when  
27 the woods tractor is used solely for logging pur-  
28 poses, and the woods tractor may be operated, without  
29 registration or license, from or to the premises  
30 where the woods tractor is kept, to or from a wood  
31 lot and between wood lots, used for logging purposes  
32 by the owner of the woods tractor. The woods tractor  
33 may be operated, without registration or license,  
34 from or to a filling station garage for gas, oil or  
35 repairs.

1       Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §2506, sub-§9 is enacted to  
2 read:

3       9. Converted motor vehicles; woods trac-  
4 tors. Converted motor vehicles which are used as a  
5 woods tractor and which are operated within a 10-mile  
6 radius of the farm where the vehicle is customarily  
7 kept or in the immediate vicinity of the work site  
8 where wood is being harvested. Woods tractors quali-  
9 fyng under this subsection shall be permitted to op-  
10 erate in daylight hours only and shall be subject to  
11 a partial inspection consisting of running gear,  
12 steering mechanism, brakes, exhaust system and sec-  
13 tion 1371-A, subsection 1, paragraph B.

14                   STATEMENT OF FACT

15       The purpose of this bill is to permit the use of  
16 converted motor vehicles used as logging tractors on  
17 the highway without registration, when the woods  
18 tractors are used on farm wood lots or on contract  
19 job sites. These woods tractors must meet limited  
20 inspection requirements.

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