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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. 1206

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7 H.P. 850

House of Representatives, April 2, 1985

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

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Ridley of Shapleigh.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Jacques of Waterville, Representative
Dexter of Kingfield and Representative Michaud of Medway.

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 Concerning the Harvesting of
18 High-value Wood for Processing into
19 Wood Chips for Biomass Boilers.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 12 MRSA §8876 is enacted to read:

24 §8876. Harvesting of high-value forest timber for
25 chips

26 The commissioner shall, by rule, establish crite-
27 ria for identifying high-value forest timber which is
28 suitable for use as lumber or pulp wood. The depart-
29 ment shall provide services to assist owners of for-
30 est land to identify high-value forest timber on that
31 land.

32 Following promulgation of rules pursuant to this
33 section, no person may harvest high-value forest tim-
34 ber and process that timber into chips for use in

1 biomass boilers without first obtaining a permit from
2 the commissioner. The commissioner shall, by rule,
3 establish criteria for the granting of permits and
4 may require an applicant for a permit to furnish such
5 information as the commissioner may require.

6 STATEMENT OF FACT

7 The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the har-
8 vesting of high-value forest timber for processing
9 into chips to be used in biomass boilers unless a
10 permit is obtained from the Commissioner of Conserva-
11 tion.

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