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2 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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6 Legislative Document

No. 1413

8 H.P. 983

House of Representatives, April 29, 1985

9 Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
10 Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources suggested
and ordered printed.

11 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Michaud of Medway.

12 Cosponsored by Representative Jacques of Waterville, Senator Usher of
Cumberland and Representative Dexter of Kingfield.

13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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18 AN ACT to Reauthorize the Forest Resource
19 Assessment and Marketing Program.
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21 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
22 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
23 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

24 Whereas, the Forest Resource Assessment and Mar-
25 keting Program is currently operating and assisting
26 numerous forest resource related development projects
27 with an estimated value of \$280,000,000 and creating
28 approximately 650 jobs, including the relocation to
29 Maine of a prestigious forest products research in-
30 stitute which will stimulate future development in
31 the State's forest products industry; and

32 Whereas, termination of the program could jeopard-
33 ize these and future projects; and

34 Whereas, the program will terminate on June 30,
35 1985, unless reauthorized by the Legislature as emer-
36 gency legislation; and

1 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
2 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
3 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
4 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
5 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
6 therefore,

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

9 Sec. 1. 12 MRS §5106, as enacted by PL 1983, c.
10 537, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its
11 place:

12 §5106. Forest Resource Assessment and Marketing Pro-
13 gram

14 There is created within the Department of Conser-
15 vation, a Forest Resource Assessment and Marketing
16 Program for the purpose of assisting the department
17 in fulfilling its responsibilities under this chap-
18 ter, to otherwise cause studies to be conducted to
19 assess market factors significant to the forest in-
20 dustry, to receive, process and analyze data obtained
21 from the United States Forest Service Decennial For-
22 est Resurvey and other sources and to establish mar-
23 keting and utilization programs, including, but not
24 limited to, programs to develop expanded export mar-
25 kets, encourage increased use of under utilized spe-
26 cies, promote in-state secondary and value-added pro-
27 cessing of Maine wood and paper products and pursuing
28 additional markets for fuel wood and wood chips.

29 Sec. 2. Public Law 1983, c. 537, §2 is repealed.

30 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
31 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
32 proved.

33 STATEMENT OF FACT

34 The Forest Resource Assessment and Marketing Pro-
35 gram is a highly successful program which is assist-
36 ing with private investment of hundreds of millions

1 of dollars in forest resource related economic devel-
2 opment projects and will continue to do so if
3 reauthorized. Unless the program is reauthorized by
4 the Legislature, the program will terminate on June
5 30, 1985.

6 The Governor's budget includes \$38,189 in fiscal
7 year 1986 and \$38,272 in fiscal year 1987 to fund
8 this program.

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