

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

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No. 302

H.P. 211

House of Representatives, February 5, 1991

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ROTONDI of Athens.  
Cosponsored by Senator WEBSTER of Franklin.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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An Act Regarding Clear-cutting of Wood.

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

4 12 MRSA §8868, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 555, §10,  
is amended to read:

6 1. **Clear-cut.** "Clear-cut" means any timber harvesting on a  
forested site greater than 5 acres in size which over a 10-year  
8 period results in an average residual basal area of trees over 6  
inches in diameter measured at 4½ feet above the ground of less  
10 than ~~30~~ 10 square feet per acre, unless ~~one or both of~~ the  
following conditions exist:

12 ~~A. If, after harvesting, the average residual basal area of~~  
14 ~~trees over 1 inch in diameter measured at 4½ feet above the~~  
ground is 30 square feet per acre or more, a clear-cut does  
16 ~~not occur until the average residual basal area of trees 6~~  
18 ~~inches or larger measured at 4½ feet above the ground is~~  
~~less than 10 square feet per acre; or~~

20 B. After harvesting, the site has a well-distributed stand  
of trees of at least 5 feet in height that meets the  
22 regeneration standards defined under section 8869,  
subsection 1.  
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26 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

28 This bill decreases the amount of standing timber that must  
30 be left on a harvested site to categorize the site as a clear-cut.