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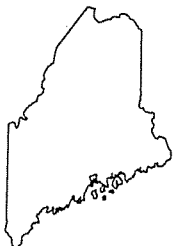
JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Oxford

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Exempt Tree Farms from the Forest Practices Laws.



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

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4 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8868, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

6 5. Tree farm. "Tree farm" means a tract of greater than 10
8 acres of privately owned nonindustrial forest land that is
10 managed for multiple crops of forest products.

12 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §8869, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 555,
14 §10, is amended to read:

16 7. Application. This section shall ~~apply~~ applies to all
18 forest lands within the State, including land in municipal and
20 state ownership. Only Tree farms and state-owned or operated
22 research forests or industrially owned research forests certified
24 by the commissioner are exempt from these requirements. The
26 commissioner shall develop and disseminate standards based on
28 scientifically accepted principles of sound forest management to
30 certify tree farms and industrially owned research forests.

STATEMENT OF FACT

32 This bill exempts tree farms from the requirements of the
34 forest practices laws.