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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative HANLEY of Paris.

Cosponsored by Representative ANDERSON of Woodland, Representative GOULD of Greenville and Representative BUTLAND of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Regarding the Forest Management Plan Requirements.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §574-B, sub-§§2 and 3, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 555, §16, are amended to read: Evidence of compliance with plan. 2. The landowner must comply with the plan developed under subsection 1, and must submit, every 10 years to the municipal assessor in a municipality or the State Tax Assessor for parcels in the unorganized territory, a statement from a licensed professional forester that the landowner is managing the parcel according to schedules in the plan required under subsection 1; and 3. Transfer of ownership. If the land is transferred to a new owner, a forest management and harvest plan must be prepared for the landowner and a sworn statement to that effect submitted within one year to the municipal assessor in a municipality or the State Tax Assessor for the unorganized territory. Parcels of land subject to section 573, subsection 3, paragraph B or C_r are exempt from the requirements under this section, and Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §574-B, sub-§4 is enacted to read: 4. Election to withdraw. Notwithstanding the penalties imposed by section 581, any landowner with a parcel taxed pursuant to this subchapter prior to September 30, 1989 may withdraw that parcel from the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law without penalty rather than comply with the requirements of this section. STATEMENT OF FACT This bill permits landowners whose property was taxed pursuant to the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law prior to the imposition of forest management and harvest plan requirements to withdraw the parcel without penalty.

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