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An Act Authorizing the Director of the Maine Forest Service to Dispose of Facilities and Properties of the Bureau of Forestry in Order to Streamline Operations.

Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to Joint Rule 24. Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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MAY M. ROSS Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CASSIDY of Washington. Cosponsored by Senator: PARADIS of Aroostook, Representatives: CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, KILKELLY of Wiscasset.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8003, sub-§3, ¶M, as amended by PL 1993, c. 335, §1, is further amended to read:

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The director is authorized, with the consent of the Μ. б commissioner, to sell, grant, lease, transfer or otherwise convey any real or personal property under the jurisdiction 8 of the bureau. The director shall deposit the proceeds from the sale or lease of property purchased-with Maine-Forestry 10 District-tax-funds in Forest Fire Control Accounts. This authority does not apply to lands acquired under 12 the authority of paragraph N. Property-at-the-state-nursery-may be-sold-for-agricultural-or-forestry-purposes-if-surplus-to 14 the - needs - of - the - nursery - and - the - proceeds - are - retained - by the-Maine-Forest--Service. The bureau shall transfer the 16 low-level radioactive waste site on the state nursery property, along with appropriate buffers and access, to the 18 University of Maine and the University of Maine shall accept the transfer. At least 60 days prior to offering any 20 surplus property for sale under this paragraph, the director shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative 22 Council and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources of the <u>director's</u> 24 intent to sell the property. 26

STATEMENT OF FACT

30 Over the past 10 years, the Division of Forest Fire Control the Department of Conservation has received legislative in approval to sell facilities and keep the funds to upgrade and 32 consolidate remaining facilities. This action has been approved 34 on 3 separate occasions and incurs no additional cost to the State while allowing major improvements in operations. This bill authorizes the sale of facilities in order to consolidate and 36 The proceeds will provide streamline operations. funds to improve the safety and efficiency of remaining facilities and 38 make it possible to bring those facilities up to current building 40 codes without impact on the General Fund. This bill also eliminates an obsolete reference to the sale of property at the The Legislature approved the sale of that 42 state nursery. property last year.

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