

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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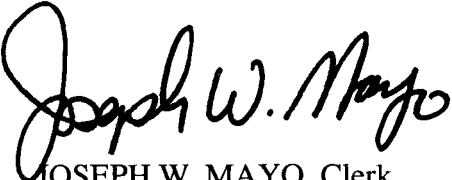
H.P. 933

House of Representatives, February 16, 1999

**An Act to Reduce the Administrative Requirements of the Forest Practices Laws.**

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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FOSTER of Gray.  
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and  
Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, GILLIS of Danforth,  
GOOLEY of Farmington, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, SCHNEIDER of Durham,  
TRAHAN of Waldoboro.

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8883, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 648,  
§5, is further amended to read:

6       **1. Notification prior to harvest.** Notification must be  
on forms supplied by the bureau and must include the following  
8 information:

10       A. The name, address and phone number of the landowner, any  
designated agent, and, if known, any harvester or harvesters;

12       B. The name and address of any licensed professional  
14 forester consulting the landowner on forest management or  
harvesting practices;

16       C. The municipality or township and county of harvest;

18       D. The name of the nearest public or private all-weather  
20 road;

22       E. The approximate dates the harvest will begin and finish;

24       F. The anticipated acreage to be harvested;

26       G. Whether the land is being harvested to convert to  
another use within 2 years and, if so, what that use is to  
28 be;

30       H. The ~~signatures~~ signature of the landowner or designated  
agent and the signature of the harvester when listed on the  
32 form in accordance with paragraph A and the licensed  
professional forester when listed on the form in accordance  
34 with paragraph B;

36       I. A map locating the harvest site in relation to known or  
easily identifiable terrain features, such as a road  
38 junction or a stream and road junction. The map must be a  
copy of a 7.5 or 15 minute series topographical map produced  
40 by the United States Geological Survey or a map of  
equivalent or superior detail in the location of roads; and

42       J. The date of notification.

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46       ~~When a landowner has a designated agent, the designated agent  
must submit with the notification form a notarized statement of  
agreement signed by the landowner and the designated agent or a  
48 durable power of attorney.~~

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## SUMMARY

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This bill removes the requirement that a designated agent submit with a harvest notification a notarized statement of agreement signed by the landowner and the designated agent.

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