

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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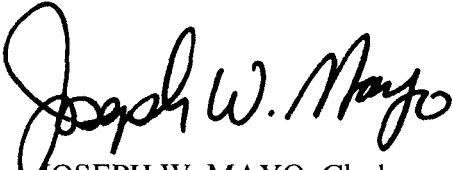
House of Representatives, March 16, 1999

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**An Act to Deter Export of Unprocessed Timber and Increase Maine  
Employment in Timber Harvesting and Processing.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative VOLENIK of Brooklin.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, DUDLEY of Portland,  
SKOGLUND of St. George.

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

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**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8002, sub-§1, ¶¶E and F, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 545, §3, are amended to read:**

E. Have the responsibility for management of particular portions of land owned by the State when management is entrusted to the bureau by statute or is transferred by mutual agreement of the bureau and other state agencies; and

F. Conduct information, education, planning and research programs designed to promote the purposes of the bureau as set forth in this Part; and

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §8002, sub-§1, ¶G is enacted to read:**

G. Maintain a registry of wood product buyers to track the sale of wood products.

**Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §574-B, sub-§§2 and 3, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 555, §16, are amended to read:**

**2. Evidence of compliance with plan.** 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, are exempt from the requirements under this section;

**Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §574-B, sub-§§4, 5 and 6 are enacted to read:**

4. Unprocessed wood. All unprocessed wood produced from the parcel must remain within the United States;

5. Labor used. When the unemployment rate for the county or counties in which the parcel is located is greater than 4%, labor performed in compliance with the plan may not be performed by alien workers; and

