

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, March 23, 1999

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### **An Act to Limit the Percentage of Forest Products Harvested from Certain Lands That May Be Sold to a Foreign Country.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CASSIDY of Washington.  
Cosponsored by Senator BENOIT of Franklin, Representatives: COLLINS of Wells, HATCH of Skowhegan, MENDROS of Lewiston, WHEELER of Eliot.

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

4 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA c. 805, sub-c. VI is enacted to read:

6 SUBCHAPTER VI

8 SALE OF FOREST PRODUCTS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

10 §8891. Limitation on sale of forest products to foreign countries

12 A person who owns a total of 5,000 acres of land or more in the State and who harvests forest products from that land may not:

14 1. Transport more than 10%. Transport to a foreign country for sale more than 10% of the total volume of forest products harvested from that land in any one calendar year; or

18 2. Sell more than 10%. Sell more than 10% of the total volume of forest products harvested from that land in any one calendar year to a person who causes the forest products to be transported to another country.

22 The total volume of forest products harvested from the person's land in a calendar year that is transported to a foreign country may not exceed 10% of the total volume of forest products harvested from that land. For the purposes of this section, "forest products" has the same meaning as under section 8881, subsection 3. The commissioner shall establish by rule the volume measurements that apply to specific forest products. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

34 SUMMARY

36 This bill limits the amount of forest products harvested on certain lands that can be transported to foreign countries. The bill applies to people who own 5,000 acres of land or more and it limits the international transportation of forest products harvested by those people to 10% of the total volume of annual forest products harvested on their land.