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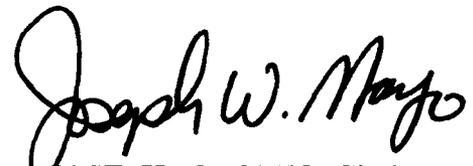
No. 2066

H.P. 1445

House of Representatives, March 30, 1999

**An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Slash Disposal along Highways
and Railroad and Utility Corridors.**

Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and
ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative COWGER of Hallowell.
Cosponsored by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §§9332 and 9333, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 545, §3, are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

6 §9332. Disposal along highways

8 A stumpage owner, operator, landowner or agent who cuts or causes or permits to be cut any forest growth on lands that are within or border the right-of-way of a public highway within the State shall dispose of the slash that is within the right-of-way or within 50 feet of the nearer side of the shoulder of the right-of-way as provided in this section.

14 1. Slash may not remain. Except as provided in this section, slash may not remain on the ground within the right-of-way or within 50 feet of the nearer side of the shoulder of the right-of-way.

20 2. Slash with diameter of 3 inches or less. Slash with a diameter of 3 inches or less must be hauled away, burned or chipped.

24 3. Slash more than 3 inches in diameter. Slash that is more than 3 inches in diameter must be removed or limbed and placed on the ground surface so that the pieces are separated and not piled one piece over another.

28 §9333. Disposal along railroads and utility lines

30 1. Stumpage owner. A stumpage owner, operator, landowner or agent who cuts or causes or permits to be cut any forest growth on lands that are within or border the right-of-way of a railroad, a pipeline or an electric power, telegraph, telephone or cable line may not place slash or allow it to remain on the ground within the right-of-way or within 25 feet of the nearer side of the right-of-way.

38 2. Construction. Slash accumulated by the construction and maintenance of a railroad, a highway, a pipeline or an electric power, telegraph, telephone or cable line may not be left on the ground but must be hauled away, burned or chipped. Slash may not be left or placed within the right-of-way or within 25 feet of the nearer side of the right-of-way. If a permit is denied or revoked under this chapter, the director may allow logs that are too large to be chipped to remain in the right-of-way until the director determines that their removal is economically feasible.

