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House of Representatives, January 12, 2000

An Act Concerning Access Fees on Tree Growth Lands.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative McGLOCKLIN of Embden.
Cosponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket, Senator MILLS of Somerset and
Representatives: DAVIDSON of Brunswick, DUNLAP of Old Town, GREEN of Monmouth,
JOY of Crystal, SAXL of Portland, STANLEY of Medway, Senators: LIBBY of York,
RUHLIN of Penobscot.

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

4 Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §574-C is enacted to read:

6 §574-C. Ineligibility

8 1. Access fees. Notwithstanding any other provision of
10 this subchapter, a parcel containing forest land is not eligible
12 under this subchapter if a fee is charged for a person to gain
14 entry to, pass over or use any part of the land, including any
16 road serving or providing access to the land. This section does
18 not apply if the fee is for commercial use of the land or for
20 parcels of land under 1,000 acres.

22 2. Access to great ponds and parcels of 1,000 acres or
24 more. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, a
26 parcel containing forest land is not eligible under this
28 subchapter if a fee is charged for access to a great pond as
defined in Title 38, section 436-A, subsection 7 or to a parcel
of at least 1,000 acres that is located in the unorganized
territory.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits owners or managers of parcels of land of 1,000 acres or more in the unorganized territory who charge an access fee to the forest land or restrict access to great ponds from benefiting under the tree growth laws.