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## 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2003

Legislative Document

No. 284

H.P. 227

House of Representatives, January 28, 2003

An Act To Require Use of United States Citizens for Work with the Bureau of Parks and Lands

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative JACKSON of Fort Kent. Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and

Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, JOY of Crystal, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, PINEAU of Jay, SMITH of Van Buren, Senators: BRYANT of Oxford, KNEELAND of Aroostook, STANLEY of Penobscot.

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

- Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1834, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 678,
  4 §13, is amended to read:
  - 2. Grant of permits. The bureau may grant permits and enter into contracts to cut timber, harvest grass and wild foods, tap maple trees for sap and cultivate and harvest crops provided that those permits and contract rights create revocable licenses to the permittee or party to the contract and do not create any real property interest in the nonreserved public lands. The bureau may not grant permits or enter into contracts to cut timber with a person who is not a United States citizen or who employs or contracts with persons who are not United States citizens for the cutting and skidding of timber on nonreserved lands.
    - Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §1848, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 678, §13, is amended to read:
- Grant of permits. The bureau may grant permits and enter into contracts to cut timber, harvest grass and wild foods, 22 tap maple trees for sap and cultivate and harvest crops provided 24 that such permits and contract rights create revocable licenses to the permittee or party to the contract and do not create any 26 real property interest in the public reserved lands. The bureau may not grant permits or enter into contracts to cut timber with a person who is not a United States citizen or who employs or 28 contracts with persons who are not United States citizens for the 30 cutting and skidding of timber on reserved lands.

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#### **SUMMARY**

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This bill prohibits the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands from contracting for timber harvesting on the public reserved and nonreserved lands with anyone who is not a United States citizen.