

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)



# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2003

---

Legislative Document

No. 1114

H.P. 817

House of Representatives, March 4, 2003

### An Act To Allow the Sale of Wood Chips by Uncertified Persons

---

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MOODY of Manchester.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CRESSEY of Baldwin, McCORMICK of West Gardiner.

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

4 **CONCEPT DRAFT**  
6 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

10 This bill proposes to require paper and logging companies to  
12 purchase forest products for chipping and other purposes from  
14 small wood harvesters in Maine who are not certified in  
16 sustainable forestry practices. Presently, large purchasers of  
18 logs and forest products, including wood chips, are refusing to  
20 purchase forest products from small wood harvesters who have not  
22 taken an industry-sponsored certification course in sustainable  
24 forestry practices. Further, large forest products purchasers  
are refusing to purchase forest products from larger concerns  
such as sawmills who purchase forest products from these  
uncertified small wood harvesters, threatening the livelihood of  
not only the small wood harvesters but also the mills who  
traditionally have purchased the small wood harvesters' forest  
products. Many of these uncertified small wood harvesters are  
unable to attend the certification course due to financial and  
other concerns as they tend to be small, sole-proprietor  
operations.