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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 463, L.D. 1407, Bill, "An Act To Clarify the Timber Harvesting Notification Requirements"

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 5 and inserting in its place the following:

'5. Notification exemption. The following activities are exempt from the notification requirement under this section:

A. Activities where forest products are harvested for an owner's own use and are not sold or offered for sale or used in the owner's primary wood-using plants;

B. Precommercial silvicultural forestry activities; and

C. Harvesting performed by the landowner within a 12-month period when the total area harvested on land owned by that landowner does not exceed:

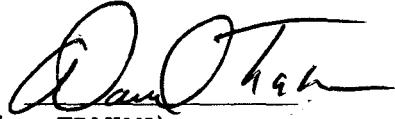
(1) Two acres if the residual basal area of acceptable growing stock over 4 1/2 inches in diameter measured at 4 1/2 feet above the ground is less than 30 square feet basal area per acre; or

(2) Five acres if the residual basal area of acceptable growing stock over 4 1/2 inches in diameter measured at 4 1/2 feet above the ground is more than 30 square feet basal area per acre.'

SUMMARY

Current law exempts from harvest notification requirements harvesting when the total area harvested on land owned by the landowner does not exceed either 2 or 5 acres, depending on the residual basal area of acceptable growing stock. The bill repealed this exemption. This amendment instead specifies that it is only harvesting performed by the landowner that qualifies for this exemption.

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