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An Act To Authorize the Use of Timber Harvesting Revenues for Land Management

Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered
printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative JACKSON of Allagash and Senator: GOOLEY of Franklin,
Representatives: FINCH of Fairfield, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, McLEOD of Lee,
RICHARDSON of Carmel, RICHARDSON of Greenville, SAVIELLO of Wilton.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12701, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and
3 as affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

4 **2. Natural products.** The commissioner may harvest and sell natural products of the
5 land from land owned by the department and, if the land was purchased with federal aid
6 funds, use the resulting revenue for land management, in accordance with federal aid
7 guidelines.

8 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §3203**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C,
9 §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is repealed.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill resolves a conflict with federal statute that requires timber revenues from
12 any of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's wildlife management areas to be
13 used for land management activities on the lands from which they were derived, if those
14 lands were purchased with federal aid funds. The bill also repeals the requirement that
15 the State pay 50% of the net profits that it receives from the sale or lease of natural
16 products on such land to a municipality located on that land.