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In Senate, December 23, 2013

**An Act To Make Maine Mills More Competitive by Encouraging the
Processing of Forest Products at Mills in the United States**

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

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 23, 2013. Referred to the Committee on Taxation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and
Senator: PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives: GILBERT of Jay, GOODE of Bangor,
HAMANN of South Portland, SHORT of Pittsfield.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §656, sub-§1, ¶K** is enacted to read:

3 K. Land enrolled under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law when the forest products
4 that have commercial value, as defined in section 573, subsection 3-B, harvested
5 from that land are processed solely at mills in the United States. The exemption
6 under this paragraph applies only for the property tax year following the year in
7 which the forest products are harvested and processed at mills in the United States.

8 **Sec. 2. Application.** This Act applies to property tax years beginning on or after
9 April 1, 2014.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill provides a complete exemption from property tax for land enrolled under the
12 Maine Tree Growth Tax Law when the forest products harvested from that land are
13 processed solely at mills located in the United States.