

# 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 electronic originals  
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2015

---

Legislative Document

No. 670

---

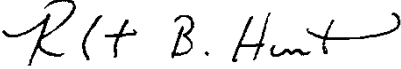
H.P. 451

House of Representatives, March 3, 2015

### **An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Unlawful Cutting of Trees**

---

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative WELSH of Rockport.  
Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and  
Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, GRANT of Gardiner, HOBBS of Saco,  
Senator: MIRAMANT of Knox.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §7552, sub-§3, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1999, c. 339, §1, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 B. ~~For~~ Except within areas that have been zoned for residential use, for lost trees, the  
5 owner may claim in lieu of market value the forfeiture amounts determined in Title  
6 17, section 2510, subsections 2 and 3. In addition, the owner's damages may include  
7 the costs for regeneration of the stand in accordance with Title 12, section 8869. The  
8 court may reduce the damages awarded for good cause shown when the cutting of  
9 trees was done negligently or without fault.

10 **Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §7552, sub-§3, ¶B-1** is enacted to read:

11 B-1. Within areas that have been zoned for residential use, for lost trees, the owner  
12 may claim in lieu of market value the forfeiture amounts determined in Title 17,  
13 section 2510, subsections 2 and 3. In addition, the owner's damages may include the  
14 costs for replanting and restoring the trees.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill allows a landowner within an area zoned for residential use to recover the  
17 costs of replanting and restoring trees that have been cut down without permission of the  
18 landowner.