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House of Representatives, January 13, 2021

**An Act To Amend the Removal Process Applicable to the Position of
State Supervisor of the Forest Protection Unit of the Bureau of
Forestry**

Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Clerk of the House on January 11, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SKOLFIELD of Weld.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8901, sub-§1, ¶B** is enacted to read:

3 B. The state supervisor of the forest protection unit of the Bureau of Forestry, as Chief
4 Forest Ranger, must be qualified by training and experience in wildfire protection and
5 law enforcement. In the event that the Chief Forest Ranger is not reappointed, the
6 Chief Forest Ranger has the right to be restored to the position from which the Chief
7 Forest Ranger was promoted or to a position equivalent in salary grade, without
8 impairment of personnel status or the loss of seniority, retirement or other rights to
9 which uninterrupted service in the previous position would have entitled the former
10 Chief Forest Ranger. If service as Chief Forest Ranger is terminated for cause, the
11 right to be restored to that previous or an equivalent position must be determined by
12 the State Civil Service Appeals Board.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill clarifies that in the event that the Chief Forest Ranger is not reappointed, the
15 Chief Forest Ranger has the right to be restored to the position from which the Chief Forest
16 Ranger was promoted or to a position equivalent in salary grade, without impairment of
17 personnel status or the loss of seniority, retirement or other rights to which uninterrupted
18 service in the previous position would have entitled the former Chief Forest Ranger.