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S.P. 750

In Senate, April 27, 2023

An Act to Ensure Fair and Timely Payment in the Harvesting of Forest Products

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Fort Kent and
Senators: BLACK of Franklin, HICKMAN of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York,
Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, GUERRETTE of
Caribou, PLUECKER of Warren.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §2363-A, sub-§2, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 154, §1, is
3 amended to read:

4 D. When a service contract for harvesting wood requires payment on a per tonnage
5 basis, the contracting party must notify the contractor of the price per ton to be paid
6 under the contract prior to the contractor's providing the harvesting service; ~~and~~

7 **Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §2363-A, sub-§2, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 154, §1, is
8 amended to read:

9 E. For service contracts for hauling wood, the contracting party must notify the
10 contractor of the price per ton to be paid under the contract prior to the contractor's
11 providing the hauling service; and

12 **Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §2363-A, sub-§2, ¶F** is enacted to read:

13 F. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or a wood scaler under
14 contract with the department shall conduct random inspections to ensure that a
15 contractor is paid within 15 days of weighing wood under this subsection.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or a wood
18 scaler under contract with the department to conduct random inspections to ensure that a
19 contractor is paid within 15 days of weighing wood.