

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S P 758, L D 1874, "An Act to Support Maine Loggers' and Truckers' Right to Work in Maine by Improving Labor Standards"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following  
'An Act to Support Maine Forest Workers' Right to Work in Maine by Improving Labor Standards'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8867-G is enacted to read

§8867-G. Forest certification programs

1. Requirements for state land The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may obtain or maintain certification from a forest certification program for state land only if the program, in order to obtain certification under the program

A Contains performance-based indicators described in subsection 2 that protect forest workers, including logging and trucking contractors, that can be assessed and verified by a recognized certifying entity, and

B Does not require payment to a trade association that is registered with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

2. Performance-based indicators. Performance-based indicators required by subsection 1 include the following labor practices

A No use of child labor,

B No use of forced labor,

C No discrimination,

D Freedom of association and collective bargaining,

E Promotion of gender equality,

F Implementation of legal occupational health and safety practices,

G Payment of fair wages that meet or exceed the minimum wage,

H Adequate and effective training, and

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S P 758, L D 1874 (S-341)

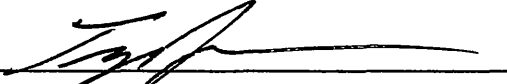
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I Grievance resolution and compensation for damages

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill The amendment provides that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may obtain certification from a forest certification program for state land only if the program contains certain performance-based indicators that protect forest workers and the program does not require payment to a trade association that is registered with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

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COUNTY Aroostook

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1874

LR 2319(04)

## An Act to Support Maine Loggers' and Truckers' Right to Work in Maine by Improving Labor Standards

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment 'A' to Original Bill (S.341)  
Sponsor: Pres. Jackson of Aroostook  
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Contingent future biennium revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment changes the original bill's requirement for labor standards for logging and trucking to a requirement for certain performance-based indicators and adds a prohibition on payments to trade associations that are registered as lobbyists with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices as a condition of certification

If the two major certification programs are in compliance or can get in compliance with these criteria, there will be no impact on timber sale revenue by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. If both programs cannot meet the criteria, there could be a substantial reduction in timber sales revenue from the State's loss of certification. While loss of one certification may occur, it is unlikely that both certifications will be lost. Therefore, the potential loss of revenue is not anticipated to be significant.