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Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any employee of this State, whether or not in the classified service, from donating his or her own funds, or time, or services to a political cause provided such donation of time or services is not made during such employee's state working hours or upon the property or premises of the State or by using the facilities or services of the State.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 598

AN ACT to Establish Uniform Standards for the Measurement of Wood.

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 501, sub-c. II-A is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER II-A

MEASUREMENT OF WOOD

§ 2361. Definitions

1. "Wood," as used in this subchapter shall be defined as severed but unprocessed fibrous derivatives of trees.

2. "Weight scale," as used in this subchapter shall be defined as the relationship between the weight of a specified quantity of wood and the volume of that quantity of wood.

§ 2362. Measurement for wood

1. **Weight scale.** In all transactions in which the value of wood is determined by the relationship of the weight of the wood to the volume of the wood, that relationship of weight to volume shall be established in accordance with that standard or standards established in section 2363.

2. **Butt scale.** Butt scale may be used as a measurement in transactions involving the sale of wood by weight scale only to determine partial payment until the wood sold can be scaled pursuant to subsection 1.

§ 2363. Standards for weight scale

1. **Established by State Sealer of Weights and Measures.** The State Sealer of Weights and Measures shall, after a public hearing preceded by at least 2 weeks' notice in the state paper, establish standards for the weight scale required under section 2362, subsection 1. These standards shall include adjustments for the moisture content ratio. The State Sealer of Weights and Measures shall establish as many standards as he deems necessary to reflect the various factors influencing the weight of wood in the various regions of the State and the various species of trees which grow in the State. The Director of the Bureau of Forestry or his agent shall provide assistance to the State Sealer of Weights and Measures for the establishment of standards.

2. **Moisture content test.** The State Sealer of Weights and Measures shall, after a public hearing preceded by at least 2 weeks' notice in the state paper, adopt and promulgate a wood moisture content test or tests to determine the standard or standards as defined in section 2363, subsection 1.

§ 2364. Standards for butt scale

The State Sealer of Weights and Measures shall, after a public hearing preceded by at least 2 weeks' notice in the state paper, adopt and promulgate a standard butt scale which shall be used for all butt scaling permitted under section 2362, subsection 2.

§ 2365. Standards for measurement

The State Sealer of Weights and Measures may, after a public hearing preceded by at least 2 weeks' notice in the state paper, adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations concerning the standards for measurement of wood established under this subchapter and the administration and use of those standards as are necessary to ensure that those standards conform to contemporary knowledge and practice concerning the measurement of wood to be sold and to ensure that those standards may be efficiently and conveniently applied in transactions in Maine involving the sale of wood as defined in this subchapter.

§ 2366. Appeal procedure

Any person aggrieved by any final decision of the State Sealer of Weights and Measures upon any matter arising out of the operation of this subchapter, may within 30 days after notice of such decision, appeal therefrom to the Superior Court of Kennebec County by filing a notice of appeal stating the points of the appeal with the clerk of courts and the Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Sec. 2. Effective date. The provisions of section 2362 shall become effective after 60 days from the promulgation of the standards as required in sections 2363, 2364 and 2365 by the State Sealer of Weights and Measures and the filing thereof with the Secretary of State. The State Sealer of Weights and Measures shall promulgate said standards as expeditiously as possible.

Effective October 1, 1975 except as otherwise indicated

CHAPTER 599

AN ACT Relating to School Dropouts and to Potential School Dropouts.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 917 is enacted to read:

§ 917. School dropouts and potential dropouts

1. **Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following words shall have the following meanings.