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Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 5002, last sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 623, § 51-D-1, is further amended to read:

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as preventing or prohibiting any person from managing or otherwise conducting forestry practices on land owned, leased, rented or held under any contractual arrangement by such person; nor shall anything herein prohibit any regular employee or official of any person, corporation, agency, institution or other entity from engaging in forestry practices on lands owned, leased, rented or held under any contractual arrangement by such person, corporation, agency or other entity; nor shall anything herein prohibit any graduate of a school of forestry recognized by the board person from practicing forestry under the supervision of a registered forester; nor shall anything herein prohibit employees of a federal governmental agency from practicing for said federal governmental agency.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA § 5003, sub-§ 4, 3rd sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 490, is amended to read:

Forestry instructional and educational activities conducted by institutions approved by the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services pursuant to the laws of the State and forestry instructional and educational activities relating to a program of education at an institution licensed or approved by the State to grant a bachelors or higher degree shall be exempted.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA § 5009, as amended by PL 1977, c. 694, § 649, is further amended by inserting at the end the following new sentence:

The board shall not have the power to make and promulgate bylaws and rules on forest practices, but shall have the authority under this chapter to proceed against any person for alleged violations of any rules, regulations or laws made and promulgated by the Legislature or any other duly authorized governmental body or agency relating to forestry or like subjects.

- Sec. 4. 32 MRSA § 5012, sub-§ 2, as amended by PL 1975, c. 770, § 192, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
- 2. Engaged in practice. Any person who has been engaged in the practice of professional forestry, as defined in section 5003, subsection 4, between October 1, 1975 and one year following the effective date of this Act, shall be licensed according to this chapter upon the written recommendation of 5 foresters licensed to practice in this State, provided that the applicant has conducted forestry practices as a regular employee or official of any person, corporation, agency, institution or other entity engaged in forestry practices on lands owned, leased, rented or held under any contractual arrangement by the person, corporation, agency or other entity. This section shall remain effective for one year following the effective date of this Act.

Effective September 14, 1979

### CHAPTER 119

H. P. 1275 — L. D. 1478

AN ACT Extending the Time for Apportionment of County Taxes from March to March, April or May in the Year 1979.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, under the present law the county tax must be apportioned upon the towns in the month of March; and

Whereas, approval of the county budgets has been delayed; and

Whereas, the following extension of time will prevent undue hardship in resolving such; and

Whereas, the following legislation to temporarily change the apportionment to the months of March, April or May is vitally necessary to prevent undue hardship and confusion of the several counties and municipalities of the State; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**30 MRSA § 254-B,** as last amended by PL 1977, c. 670, is further amended to read:

#### § 254-B. Temporary extension

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 254, when a county tax is authorized, for the year 1978 1979, the county commissioners shall, in the months of March and, April or May apportion the tax upon the towns and other places according to the last state valuation and fix the time for the payment of the same, which shall not be earlier than the first day of the following September.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective April 20, 1979

### CHAPTER 120

H. P. 119 — L. D. 129

AN ACT Concerning Cruelty to Animals.

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