

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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B. If actual notice cannot be given, he shall serve written notice by certified mail to the last known address of the parent or guardian. This notice shall be mailed at least 48 hours before performing the abortion.

C. If he cannot give notice as required under paragraphs A or B, he shall notify the Department of Human Services in writing of his inability to give notice. The notice shall be confidential and not open to public inspection. This notice shall contain:

(1) A statement of his intention to perform an abortion; and

(2) A statement that he has been unable to give notice to the parents or guardian of the minor.

D. The person who will perform the abortion shall not perform that abortion for 24 hours after notifying the department that he was unable to give notice.

3. Evidence of notice. That person giving notice shall obtain written evidence that notice was given. That evidence may be a signed acknowledgement of the recipient or a sworn affidavit by the person giving notice that it was given. If he is unable to give notice, he shall retain a dated and sworn statement that he has notified the department of his inability to give notice.

4. Exception. If, in the best clinical judgment of an attending physician, the life or health of the minor will be endangered if the abortion is not performed immediately, the notice requirements of subsection 2 shall not apply. The person who performed the abortion shall notify, actually or in writing, one of the parents or guardians of the abortion, within 24 hours of that abortion or notify the department of his inability to give notice.

5. Consent not required. Nothing in this section shall require the consent of the parents or legal guardian of the minor to the minor's abortion.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 414

H. P. 1317 — L. D. 1571

AN ACT to Strengthen the State's Capability to Assess Maine's Forest Resources.

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

12 MRSA c. 429 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 429

ASSESSMENT OF FOREST RESOURCES**§ 5101. Maine's forests**

The Legislature finds that the forests of Maine have been subject to increased demand for timber, increased pressure from competing land uses and significantly increased mortality losses in the last decade. In view of the critical importance of the forest resource to the State's economy, it is essential that the State have the capability to study changing forest resource trends. To obtain sufficient information about the present and future status of Maine's forests, extensive additional surveys, studies and analyses are necessary.

§ 5102. Assessment of forest resources

The Department of Conservation is hereby authorized and directed to conduct such studies, surveys and analyses as are necessary to provide State Government, the forest industry and Maine citizens with an adequate assessment of Maine's forest resources. These studies and surveys may include, but need not be limited to, surveys of wood utilization by primary and secondary wood processing industries, surveys of forest regeneration, analyses of volume tables and programs to enhance the usefulness and availability of available data.

§ 5103. Annual report

The Commissioner of Conservation shall provide an annual report no later than October 1, 1981 to the Legislature detailing the status of work performed pursuant to this chapter.

§ 5104. Cooperation

The activities authorized hereunder shall be performed in cooperation with relevant federal, state and local agencies, as well as private and other nongovernmental groups concerned with Maine's forests. The work shall be fully coordinated with the ongoing departmental and federal forestry program planning efforts.

§ 5105. Authority

The Department of Conservation is hereby authorized to enter into agreements, to secure the services of contractors and consultants and accept and expend funds from other governmental agencies in order to carry out the purposes of this chapter.