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An Act Regarding Timber Harvesting on Land Managed by the Division of Parks and Public Lands

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senators: GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, PATRICK of Oxford,
Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, GILBERT of Jay, HERBIG of Belfast, MASON of
Topsham, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, THERIAULT of Madawaska.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1804, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 604, §4 and PL
3 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §7, is further amended to read:

4 **5. Division budget.** Prepare and submit to the commissioner the budget for the
5 division; ~~and~~

6 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §1804, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 604, §5 and PL 2011,
7 c. 657, Pt. W, §7, is further amended to read:

8 **6. Restrictions on public access.** Post notice of any restrictions to public access at
9 points commonly used to access the land or at a facility or structure where such rules and
10 notices are regularly posted. The director may restrict public access to any portion of the
11 land or waters within the division's jurisdiction when the restrictions reasonably relate to
12 protecting public health, safety or welfare or the economic interests or natural resources
13 of the State; and

14 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §1804, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

15 **7. Restriction on timber harvesting.** Provide that the State may not contract for
16 timber harvesting on land managed by the division under this chapter with a person who
17 employs persons under the federal labor certification process for employment of foreign
18 workers in logging under 20 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 655.200, et seq., for
19 that purpose.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill prohibits the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry,
22 Division of Parks and Public Lands from contracting for timber harvesting on land under
23 its management if the contractor uses persons employed under the federal labor
24 certification process for employment of foreign workers in logging for that purpose.