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## An Act To Authorize the Use of Timber Harvesting Revenues for Land Management

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12701, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and as affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

**2. Natural products.** The commissioner may harvest and sell natural products of the land from land owned by the department <u>and, if the land was purchased with federal aid funds, use the resulting revenue for land management, in accordance with federal aid guidelines.</u>

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §3203,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is repealed.

## SUMMARY

This bill resolves a conflict with federal statute that requires timber revenues from any of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's wildlife management areas to be used for land management activities on the lands from which they were derived, if those lands were purchased with federal aid funds. The bill also repeals the requirement that the State pay 50% of the net profits that it receives from the sale or lease of natural products on such land to a municipality located on that land.