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132ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 271, L.D. 417, “An Act Regarding the Confidentiality of Certain Records Belonging to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Related to the Bureau of Forestry”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act Regarding Confidentiality of Certain Records Belonging to the Bureau of Forestry'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8007** is enacted to read:

**§8007. Confidentiality of complaints and investigative records related to forest products harvesters or haulers**

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

**A. "Conclusion of an investigation" means that an investigation has been closed or one of the following events has occurred with respect to the investigation:**

**(1) A notice of an adjudicatory hearing under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 4 has been issued;**

**(2) A consent agreement has been executed; or**

**(3) An enforcement proceeding has been filed in a court of competent jurisdiction.**

**B. "Forest products harvester or hauler" has the same meaning as in Title 26, section 3701, subsection 4.**

**2. Records obtained during an investigation or through provision of services to forest products harvesters or haulers.** Records of the bureau are confidential if:



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1 12, Part 11 by a forest products harvester or hauler and records belonging to the bureau that  
2 are obtained in connection with providing a service to forest products harvesters or haulers.

3 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

4 **(See attached)**