

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR

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H.P. 1325 - L.D. 2063

An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing Disclosure of Wood Processing Data

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8884, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Disclosure of confidential information. Notwithstanding subsection 3, confidential information may be disclosed pursuant to this subsection.

A. The director of the bureau may disclose information designated as confidential under subsection 3 to the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Northern Research Station when that entity, in the opinion of the director, requires that information and the bureau and that entity have executed a confidentiality agreement that protects against further disclosure of that information except in summary reports that use aggregate data that do not reveal the activities of an individual person or firm.

B. The director of the bureau may not disclose information furnished by a state or federal agency when that information has been designated as confidential by the furnishing agency unless the furnishing agency authorizes the disclosure.

A recipient of information pursuant to paragraph A or B may not disclose or use the information except as authorized by the director of the bureau, and the information remains confidential and the property of the bureau.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §8884, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. F, §45 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4. Penalties. A person who:

A. Fails to submit a report pursuant to this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$1,000 for each failure may be adjudged; or

B. Receives confidential information pursuant to subsection 3-A and uses that information for a purpose other than that authorized by the director of the bureau commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$1,000 may be adjudged.