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## **An Act Regarding Timber Harvesting on State Land**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1804, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 604, §4, is further amended to read:

**5. Bureau budget.** Prepare and submit to the commissioner the budget for the bureau; and

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §1804, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 604, §5, is amended to read:

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

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

**7. Restriction on timber harvesting.** Provide that timber harvesting on land managed by the bureau under this chapter may not be conducted by persons who are employed under the federal H2 bonded labor program under 20 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 655.200 et seq.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands from permitting timber on land under its jurisdiction to be harvested using persons employed under the federal H2 bonded labor program.