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

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 and PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §7, is further amended to read:

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

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §1804, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 604, §5 and PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §7, is further 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 division'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 the State may not contract for timber harvesting on land managed by the division under this chapter with a person who employs persons under the federal labor certification process for employment of foreign workers in logging under 20 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 655.200, et seq., for that purpose.

SUMMARY

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