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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8884, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 1991, c. 528, Pt. G, §10 and affected by Pt. RRR; and amended by c. 591, Pt. G, §10; PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §7; and PL 2013, c. 405, Pt. A, §23, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §8884, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 555, §12 and affected by c. 600, Pt. B, §11, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3. Confidentiality. Information collected by the bureau under this section is public except for:

A. Volumes of forest products;

B. Species of forest products;

C. Types of forest products;

D. County of origin of forest products; and

E. Personally identifying information of forest product suppliers to roundwood processing operations and importers and exporters of forest products.

Summary reports that use aggregate data that do not reveal the activities of an individual person or firm are public records.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which strikes and replaces the bill, makes a technical correction and specifies which information submitted by roundwood processing operations and importers and exporters of forest products annually to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Forest Service is confidential. The bill proposes to make all information submitted by wood processing facilities to the Maine Forest Service confidential.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)