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Amend the amendment in the 9th paragraph after the substitute title in the first 5 lines (page 1, lines 33 and 34 and page 2, lines 1 to 3 in amendment) by striking out the first sentence and inserting the following: 'Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, and to the extent consistent with federal law, if the State provides a subsidy to a landowner who sells timber harvested from the landowner's land in this State, the landowner shall use an in-state contractor to harvest and transport that timber, as long as the price and quality of the work performed by that in-state contractor is equal to that of a contractor from outside the State.'

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the requirement that a person who receives a subsidy from the State and who purchases timber give preference to timber harvested by an in-state contractor. Instead this amendment requires a landowner who receives a subsidy from the State and who sells timber harvested from the landowner's land in this State to use an in-state contractor for the harvesting and transportation of that timber, as long as the price and quality of the work performed by that in-state contractor is equal to the price and quality of work performed by a contractor from outside the State.