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In Senate, February 21, 2013

An Act To Require Payment Quotes in Service Contracts for the Harvesting and Hauling of Wood

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senators: PATRICK of Oxford, SHERMAN of Aroostook, Representatives:
BLACK of Wilton, DILL of Old Town.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §2363-A, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 804, §6, is
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Weight scale.** ~~Where~~ When agreed upon by the parties, weight measurement may
5 be used in all wood transactions, ~~provided that~~ under the following conditions:

6 A. The weight measurement ~~shall~~ may not be converted to volume;

7 B. ~~Where~~ When payment is made for services harvesting wood, all weight
8 measurements ~~shall~~ must be expressed on a green wood basis. Except as otherwise
9 provided by the state sealer, when the wood is not, or will not be, weighed within 15
10 days of felling, the person performing the services may, prior to hauling, require that
11 the wood instead be measured by butt measure, or other authorized method of
12 measurement; ~~and~~

13 C. ~~All sales~~ Sales of wood chips may be based on oven-dried weight, except ~~where~~
14 when payment is made for harvesting wood;

15 D. When a service contract for harvesting wood requires payment on a per tonnage
16 basis, the contracting party must notify the contractor of the price per ton per species
17 to be paid under the contract prior to the contractor's providing the harvesting service;
18 and

19 E. For service contracts for hauling wood, the contracting party must notify the
20 contractor of the price per ton per species to be paid under the contract prior to the
21 contractor's providing the hauling service.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill proposes that contractors hired to harvest or haul wood be notified by the
24 contracting party of the price per ton to be paid for the wood harvested or hauled under a
25 service contract prior to the contractor's providing the services.