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9 10	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to S.P. 731, L.D. 2061, Bill, "An Act Regarding the Transportation of Products in the Forest Products Industry"
11 12	Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:
13 14 15	'Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §2364-B, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 454, §1 and amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §§5 and 7 and PL 2013, c. 405, Pt. A, §23, is further amended to read:
16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	6. Presentation of trip ticket to forest ranger. Upon request, a truck driver or an owner or manager of any log yard or mill site shall present a copy of the trip ticket to a forest ranger in any log yard or mill site. Upon request, a wood scaler shall present the record of measurement including a copy of the trip ticket or information contained on the trip ticket to a forest ranger. A forest ranger may request and use this information for the purpose of enforcing and investigating alleged violations of Title 12, section 8883; Title 14, section 7552; and Title 17, section 2510. For purposes of this subsection, "forest ranger" means a person employed by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry under Title 12, section 8901. A truck driver, an owner or manager of any log yard or mill site or a wood scaler who fails to comply with the provisions of this subsection is subject to the penalties provided in section 2368.
27	Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §2364-B, sub-§7 is enacted to read:
28 29 30 31 32 33 34	7. Prohibition on intrastate transport of forest products. A landowner who owns 50,000 or more acres of forest land in the State may not allow the transportation of forest products harvested on that landowner's land from a location in the State to another location in the State in violation of federal law or regulation or an international trade agreement that prohibits the transportation of goods from a location in the United States to another location in the United States. An employee charged with enforcing the provisions of this subchapter shall forward all trip tickets evidencing a violation of this
35 36	subsection to the State Tax Assessor for the purposes of enforcing Title 36, section 574-D.

## Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §574-D is enacted to read:

## §574-D. Intrastate transportation of forest products

If a landowner owns 50,000 or more acres of forest land in the State and allows the transportation of forest products harvested on the landowner's land from a location in the State to another location in the State in violation of federal law or regulation or an international trade agreement that prohibits the transportation of goods from a location in the United States to another location in the United States after 2 violations of Title 10, section 2364-B, subsection 7, all land of that landowner must be considered ineligible for classification under this subchapter and must be withdrawn pursuant to section 581.

A landowner whose land is withdrawn from classification under this section is not eligible for a property tax exemption under subchapter 4-C, reimbursement under chapter 915 or any income tax credit under chapter 822 and may not receive any state-awarded grant or other state funding.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

16 SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It requires that owners and managers of log yards and mill sites must present a copy of a trip ticket to a forest ranger in the log yard or mill site upon request. The amendment adds a requirement related to the transportation of forest products by providing that a landowner of 50,000 or more acres of forest land in the State may not allow the transportation of forest products harvested on the landowner's land from a location in the State to another location in the State in violation of federal law or regulation or an international trade agreement that prohibits the transportation of goods from a location in the United States to another location in the United States. The amendment provides that a landowner with 2 prior violations of the new transportation requirement is ineligible for classification of the landowner's land under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law and the landowner may not receive certain tax incentives or state grants or other state funding.

## FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)