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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 758, L.D. 1874, “An Act to Support Maine Loggers' and Truckers' Right to Work in Maine by Improving Labor Standards”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act to Support Maine Forest Workers' Right to Work in Maine by Improving Labor Standards'**

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

**'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8867-G** is enacted to read:

**§8867-G. Forest certification programs**

**1. Requirements for state land.** The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may obtain or maintain certification from a forest certification program for state land only if the program, in order to obtain certification under the program:

- A. Contains performance-based indicators described in subsection 2 that protect forest workers, including logging and trucking contractors, that can be assessed and verified by a recognized certifying entity; and
- B. Does not require payment to a trade association that is registered with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

**2. Performance-based indicators.** Performance-based indicators required by subsection 1 include the following labor practices:

- A. No use of child labor;
- B. No use of forced labor;
- C. No discrimination;
- D. Freedom of association and collective bargaining;
- E. Promotion of gender equality;
- F. Implementation of legal occupational health and safety practices;
- G. Payment of fair wages that meet or exceed the minimum wage;
- H. Adequate and effective training; and

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

1 I. Grievance resolution and compensation for damages.'

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

4 **SUMMARY**

5 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides that the Department of  
6 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may obtain certification from a forest certification  
7 program for state land only if the program contains certain performance-based indicators  
8 that protect forest workers and the program does not require payment to a trade association  
9 that is registered with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

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