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In Senate, February 3, 2015

An Act To Improve Permit Oversight for the Cutting of Christmas Trees and Evergreen Boughs

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BURNS of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative LOCKMAN of Amherst and
Senators: COLLINS of York, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, LANGLEY of
Hancock, Representatives: DeCHANT of Bath, HERRICK of Paris, PICKETT of Dixfield,
SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8842-A, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. F,
3 §40 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is amended to read:

4 A. Cut Christmas trees or evergreen boughs on land of another without securing and
5 possessing written permission or a bill of sale from the owner or the owner's
6 authorized agents. ~~Only one such permit is needed per work crew.~~ Violation of this
7 paragraph is a Class E crime; or

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill requires all members of a work crew with permission to cut Christmas trees
10 or evergreen boughs on the property of another to possess a copy of the landowner's
11 permission.