

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

S.P. 228 - L.D. 511

**An Act to Clarify That Haulers Are Under the Jurisdiction of the Logging  
Dispute Resolution Board**

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

**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §3701, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 665, §4, is amended to read:

**4. Forest products harvester or hauler.** "Forest products harvester or hauler" means an individual who qualifies as an independent contractor under section 1043, subsection 11, paragraph E and who is engaged in harvesting or hauling trees from forest land for a forest landowner.

**Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §3703, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 665, §4, is amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) One member with experience in dispute resolution and arbitration representing forest products harvesters or haulers from a list submitted by the Maine AFL-CIO or its successor organization; and

**Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §3704, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 665, §4, is amended to read:

The board may hear and decide disputes between a forest products harvester or hauler and forest landowner in accordance with this section related to wage violations, payout amounts, contract violations or disputes related to hiring.

**Sec. 4. 26 MRSA §3705**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 665, §4, is amended to read:

**§3705. Filing of complaint**

**1. Who may file complaint.** A forest products harvester or hauler or forest landowner may file a complaint with the board stating the facts of a dispute. The filing must contain any information as required by the board by rule.

**2. Limitation on time to file complaint.** A forest products harvester or hauler or forest landowner may not file a complaint more than 2 years after an alleged dispute.