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In Senate, March 19, 2013

An Act To Encourage Development in the Logging Industry

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway and
Senators: HASKELL of Cumberland, PATRICK of Oxford, TUTTLE of York,
Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, JONES of Freedom, THERIAULT of Madawaska.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to encourage development in the logging industry by enacting a
6 variety of measures, which may include:

7 1. Changes to the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law; and

8 2. Changes to certain labor laws, including requiring a landowner to notify the
9 Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Forestry if forest land
10 is harvested using bonded labor under the federal H2 bonded labor program under 20
11 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 655.200 et seq. This proposal might provide that, if
12 a landowner or a harvester employed by or under contract to the landowner uses bonded
13 labor under the federal H2 bonded labor program or the landowner fails to provide the
14 required notification, the land would be suspended from the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law
15 for the year in which bonded labor is used and a penalty would be assessed under the
16 commercial forestry excise tax to compensate the State for the General Fund contribution
17 to the cost of forest fire protection activities.