



# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act Regarding the Transportation of Products in the Forest Products Industry

**Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment " " to Committee Amendment "A"**

**Sponsor: Pres. Jackson of Aroostook**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	(\$288,000)	(\$399,000)	(\$415,200)	(\$432,210)
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	(\$288,000)	(\$399,000)	(\$415,200)	(\$432,210)

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment directs the Bureau of Forestry within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) to enforce within the existing resources of the bureau certain violations discovered as part of the normal inspection process pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 2364-B, subsection 6. The positions and the funding added in the committee amendment are removed. Fines for violations are increased from \$500 for a first violation, \$1,000 for a second violation and \$1,500 for a third and any subsequent violations to \$1,000 for a first violation, \$2,500 for a second violation and \$10,000 for a third and any subsequent violations. Any fine revenue collected from these civil violations can be retained by the bureau and used to assist with enforcement of the bill.

The amendment also removes other penalties for violations, including suspension from the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law, the Business Equipment Tax Exemption program, the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement program and any other income tax credit applicable to taxable income from the landowner's business activities.