



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 188

LR 642(07)

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

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-70)

S "A" (S-95) to C "A" (S-70)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds
Current biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill prohibits a landowner who owns 50,000 or more acres of forest land from transporting forest products harvested on the landowner's land from one location in the State to another location in the State in violation of federal law or regulation or international trade agreement. It 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. Fines for violations are \$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. No estimate of increased revenue from violations is made at this time.