

LD 1849 "An Act to Ensure Fair and Timely Payment in Harvesting of Forest Products"
President Troy Jackson - Proposed Amendment

Replace LD 1849 with the following:

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §2363-A, sub-§2, ¶B is amended to read:

B. When payment is made for services harvesting wood, all weight measurements must be expressed on a green wood basis. Except as otherwise provided by the state sealer, when the wood is not, or will not be, weighed within 15 days of felling, the person performing the services may, prior to hauling, require that the wood instead be measured by butt measure, or other authorized method of measurement. Once wood has been prepared for hauling, contractors must be paid within 30 days;

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §2363-A, sub-§2, ¶D is amended to read :

D. When a service contract for harvesting wood requires payment on a per tonnage basis, the contracting party must notify the contractor of the price per ton to be paid under the contract prior to the contractor's providing the harvesting service; ~~and~~

Sec. 3 10 MRSA §2363-A, sub-§2, ¶E is amended to read:

E. For service contracts for hauling wood, the contracting party must notify the contractor of the price per ton to be paid under the contract prior to the contractor's providing the hauling service. ~~;~~ and

Sec. 4 10 MRSA §2363-A, sub-§2, ¶F is enacted to read:

F. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or a wood scaler under contract with the department shall conduct random inspections to ensure that a contractor is paid within ~~45~~ 30 days of harvesting wood that is prepared at roadside.