

STATE OF MAINE

—
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN

—
S.P. 229 - L.D. 639

**An Act To Require Payment Quotes in Service Contracts for the Harvesting
and Hauling of Wood**

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §2363-A, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 804, §6, is amended to read:

2. Weight scale. ~~Where~~ When agreed upon by the parties, weight measurement may be used in all wood transactions, ~~provided that~~ under the following conditions:

A. The weight measurement ~~shall~~ may not be converted to volume;

B. ~~Where~~ When payment is made for services harvesting wood, all weight measurements ~~shall~~ 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; ~~and~~

C. ~~All sales~~ Sales of wood chips may be based on oven-dried weight, except ~~where~~ when payment is made for harvesting wood;

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

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.

Notification required under this subsection must be made in writing. Written notification may be communicated by United States mail, private courier or electronic means, including, but not limited to, e-mail and fax transmission.