

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

S.P. 758 - L.D. 1874

**An Act to Support Maine Forest Workers' Right to Work in Maine by  
Improving Labor Standards**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8867-G is enacted to read:

**§8867-G. Forest certification programs**

**1. Requirements for state land.** The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may obtain or maintain certification from a forest certification program for state land only if the program, in order to obtain certification under the program:

A. Contains performance-based indicators described in subsection 2 that protect forest workers, including logging and trucking contractors, that can be assessed and verified by a recognized certifying entity; and

B. Does not require payment to a trade association that is registered with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

**2. Performance-based indicators.** Performance-based indicators required by subsection 1 include the following labor practices:

A. No use of child labor;

B. No use of forced labor;

C. No discrimination;

D. Freedom of association and collective bargaining;

E. Promotion of gender equality;

F. Implementation of legal occupational health and safety practices;

G. Payment of fair wages that meet or exceed the minimum wage;

H. Adequate and effective training; and

I. Grievance resolution and compensation for damages.