

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to the grading and use of timber grown in New Hampshire.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; Eligibility of New Hampshire Lumber for SPF Grading. Amend RSA 426 by
2 inserting after section 18 the following new section:

3 426:18-a Eligibility for SPF Grading.

4 Notwithstanding any provision of law or rule to the contrary, softwood timber harvested in New
5 Hampshire at or above 44 degrees North latitude shall be eligible for classification and grading as
6 spruce-pine-fir (SPF), provided that:

7 I. The timber is of a species customarily included in the SPF grouping under the American
8 Softwood Lumber Standard (PS 20); and

9 II. The timber meets all applicable structural and visual grading requirements for SPF as
10 established by a recognized grading agency accredited by the American Lumber Standard
11 Committee.

12 2 New Paragraph; Public Safety and Welfare; New Hampshire Building Code; Building
13 Requirements for State Funded Buildings. Amend RSA 155-A:13 by inserting after paragraph II the
14 following new paragraph:

15 III. The material specification of any state-funded building in New Hampshire shall give
16 preference to lumber harvested in New Hampshire, unless design criteria necessitates utilizing
17 imported sourcing.

18 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.