

Amendment to HB 1414

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to penalties for improper timber harvesting.

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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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7 1 Timber Harvesting; Trespass; Civil Penalty. Amend RSA 227-J:8, I to read as follows:

8 I. No person shall negligently cut, fell, destroy, injure, or carry away, ***or cause to be cut,***
9 ***felled, destroyed, injured, or carried away,*** any tree, timber, log, wood, pole, underwood, or bark
10 which is on the land of another person, or aid in such actions without the permission of that person
11 or the person's agent.

12 2 Timber Harvesting; Trespass; Criminal Penalty. Amend RSA 227-J:8-a, I to read as follows:

13 I. No person shall recklessly cut, fell, destroy, injure, or carry away, ***or cause to be cut,***
14 ***felled, destroyed, injured, or carried away,*** any tree, timber, log, wood, pole, underwood, or bark
15 which is on the land of another person, or aid in such actions without the permission of that person
16 or the person's agent.

17 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2021.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that any person who negligently or recklessly causes timber to be cut on the land of another shall be guilty of trespass under RSA 227-J, relative to timber harvesting.