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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 11-192—sHB 6157

Environment Committee

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING STATE FORESTRY PROGRAMS

SUMMARY: By law, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) commissioner may harvest timber from state-owned land and sell it for at least \$10 per cord. This act establishes a “timber harvest revolving account” as a separate, nonlapsing General Fund account to receive the proceeds from harvesting timber.

The commissioner must use the account funds for (1) developing forest management plans and (2) reasonable direct expenses for administering and operating the plans. He may accept, on DEP’s behalf, gifts, donations, loans, or bequests for the account. Any loans from a nonprofit organization must be repaid from the account within two years or as agreed upon by the commissioner and the organization.

The account cannot exceed \$100,000. Any proceeds over that amount must be deposited to the General Fund.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

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