

Act 171. An Act Relating to Timber Harvesting: Required Actions and Status of Implementation

| Act 171 Sec. | Required Action | Due Date | Status |
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| Sec. 5 Session Law | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFPR shall Harvest Notification Report submit to General Assembly. The report shall include a recommendation for implementing harvest notification in the State, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How the program would be implemented; ○ Who would be required to provide notice; ○ What threshold or size of harvest would require notification; ○ The economic and environmental benefits of notification; ○ DFPR staffing and funding to implement the program; and ○ How the program would be funded. | Dec. 15, 2016 | DFPR indicated the report will be submitted by the Jan. 13, 2017. |
| Sec. 10 Session Law | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFPR shall establish a working group to develop recommendations for program to improve capacity of providing successional planning technical assistance to forestland owners. • DFPR shall report Committee recommendations to General Assembly. The report shall include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommended priorities for succession planning for forestland owners; 2. Strategies for improving conservation investments that facilitate transfers of forestland; 3. Other strategies for lessening the impact of pressures that lead to subdivision of forest parcels; and 4. Recommended legislative changes needed to implement its recommendations and strategies. | <p>Aug. 1, 2016 to convene group</p> <p>Dec. 15, 2016 for submission of report</p> | <p>Group Convened.</p> <p>DFPR indicated the report will be submitted by the Jan. 13, 2017.</p> |
| Sec. 12 Session Law | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFPR, in consultation with VLCT, shall develop a policy that provides criteria that the DFPR shall use to determining whether and how much to reimburse municipalities for forest fire suppression. DFPR shall submit the policy to the General Assembly. | <p>Jan. 1, 2017 to develop policy.</p> <p>No date for submission Gen. Assembly</p> | DFPR indicated the policy will be submitted by the Jan. 13, 2017. |
| Sec. 18 Session Law | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes a Forest Integrity Study Committee to study potential revisions to Act 250 and municipal land use statutes to protect contiguous areas of forestland from fragmentation and to promote habitat connectivity between forestlands. • The Committee shall submit its recommended revisions to the General Assembly. | <p>July 1, 2016 to convene first meeting.</p> <p>Jan. 1, 2017 for report to General Assembly</p> | <p>Committee Created and meetings held.</p> <p>See http://fpr.vermont.gov/forest/act-171-study-committee</p> <p>DFPR indicated the report will be submitted by the Jan. 13, 2017</p> |