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**Heavy Cut Rule Draft Language**

Sec. \_\_. DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS, PARKS AND RECREATION;

HEAVY CUT RULE; VALIDITY

(a) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214:

(1) the provisions of 3 V.S.A. § 848(c) (repeal of rules not published in the Vermont Code of Rules as of July 1, 2018) shall be deemed not to have repealed the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation rule entitled “Intent to Cut Notification Emergency Rules, Standards and Procedures”; and

(2) the provisions of the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation rule entitled “Intent to Cut Notification Emergency Rules, Standards and Procedures” shall be deemed to have continued in full force and effect and remained valid on and after July 1, 2018.

(b)(1) All actions taken by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation from July 1, 2018 through [effective date] to grant or deny an authorization to proceed with a heavy cut pursuant to the provisions of 10 V.S.A. § 2625 and the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation rule entitled “Intent to Cut Notification Emergency Rules, Standards and Procedures” are valid and enforceable.

(2) As used in this subsection, the term “heavy cut” has the same meaning as in 10 V.S.A. § 2625.

- 1        (c) On or before July 1, 2026, the Department of Forests, Parks and
- 2        Recreation shall publish the rule entitled “Intent to Cut Notification Emergency
- 3        Rules, Standards and Procedures” in the Vermont Code of Rules.

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