TO THE HONORABLE SENATE

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2	The Committee on Finance to which was referred House Bill No. 484
3	entitled "An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects" respectfully
4	reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the report of the
5	Committee on Agriculture be amended by striking out Secs. 6, Vermont
6	income tax deductions, and 7, effective date, and their reader assistance
7	headings in their entireties and inserting in lieu thereof two new sections to be
8	Secs. 6 and 7 and their related reader assistance headings to read as follows:
9	* * * Heavy Cut Rule * * *
10	Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS, PARKS AND RECREATION;
11	HEAVY CUT RULE; VALIDITY
12	(a) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214 to the contrary:
13	(1) the provisions of 3 V.S.A. § 848(c) (repeal of rules not published in
14	the Vermont Code of Rules as of July 1, 2018) shall be deemed not to have
15	repealed the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation rule entitled "Intent
16	to Cut Notification Emergency Rules, Standards and Procedures"; and
17	(2) the provisions of the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation
18	rule entitled "Intent to Cut Notification Emergency Rules, Standards and
19	Procedures" shall be deemed to have continued in full force and effect and
20	remained valid on and after July 1, 2018.

1	(b)(1) All actions taken by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation
2	from July 1, 2018 through July 1, 2025 to grant or deny an authorization to
3	proceed with a heavy cut pursuant to the provisions of 10 V.S.A. § 2625 and
4	the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation rule entitled "Intent to Cut
5	Notification Emergency Rules, Standards and Procedures" are valid and
6	enforceable.
7	(2) As used in this subsection, the term "heavy cut" has the same
8	meaning as in 10 V.S.A. § 2625.
9	(c) On or before July 1, 2026, the Department of Forests, Parks and
10	Recreation shall publish the rule entitled "Intent to Cut Notification
11	Emergency Rules, Standards and Procedures" in the Vermont Code of Rules.
12	* * * Effective Dates * * *
13	Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATES
14	This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025, except that Sec. 5 (use value
15	appraisal) shall take effect on January 1, 2026.
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19	(Committee vote:)
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21	Senator

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FOR THE COMMITTEE