

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

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 Sec. 7, effective date,  
6 and its reader assistance heading in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof  
7 two new sections to be Secs. 7 and 8 and their related reader assistance  
8 headings to read as follows:

9 \* \* \* Heavy Cut Rule \* \* \*

10 Sec. 7. DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS, PARKS AND RECREATION;

11 HEAVY CUT RULE; VALIDITY

12 (a) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214:

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15 repealed the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation rule entitled “Intent  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.

(b)(1) All actions taken by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation from July 1, 2018 through July 1, 2025 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.

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

\* \* \* Effective Date \* \* \*

## Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

(Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

Senator \_\_\_\_\_

FOR THE COMMITTEE