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S 1158 General Bill, By McConnell Similar (H 5060)

Summary: Timber theft, confiscation of vehicles and equipment used in commission of crime; timber buyers required to furnish wood load ticket

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, TITLE 16, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO OFFENSES INVOLVING FORGERY, LARCENY, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND CHEATS, BY ADDING SECTION 16-13-177 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN CERTAIN OFFENSES INVOLVE TIMBER THEFT IN EXCESS OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, CONVEYANCES, TRACTORS, TRAILERS, WATERCRAFT, VESSELS, TOOLS, AND EQUIPMENT OF ANY KIND KNOWINGLY USED IN THE COMMISSION OF THE OFFENSE MAY BE CONFISCATED AND FORFEITED TO THE JURISDICTION WHERE THE OFFENSE OCCURRED, TO PROVIDE FOR FORFEITURE PROCEDURES AND THE SALE OF FORFEITED PROPERTY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF FORFEITED PROPERTY; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 23, TITLE 48, RELATING TO FORESTRY GENERALLY, BY ADDING SECTION 48-23-97, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A TIMBER BUYER OR TIMBER OPERATOR PURCHASING TREES, TIMBER, OR WOOD BY THE LOAD MUST FURNISH THE TIMBER GROWER OR SELLER A SEPARATE, TRUE, AND ACCURATE WOOD LOAD TICKET FOR EACH LOAD OF WOOD WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF COMPLETION OF THE HARVEST, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO THE APPLICATION OF THIS SECTION, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION.

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