

**CHAPTER 7**  
**HB 193 - FINAL VERSION**

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HOUSE BILL            **193**

AN ACT                relative to penalties for improper timber harvesting.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Suzanne Smith, Graf. 8; Rep. Weston, Graf. 8; Rep. Gordon, Graf. 9; Rep. Gould, Hills. 7; Sen. Giuda, Dist 2; Sen. Hennessey, Dist 1

COMMITTEE:          Resources, Recreation and Development

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ANALYSIS

This bill provides that any person who negligently or recklessly causes timber to be cut on the land of another shall be guilty of trespass under RSA 227-J, relative to timber harvesting.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                         Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One*

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*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 7:1 Timber Harvesting; Trespass; Civil Penalty. Amend RSA 227-J:8, I to read as follows:

2 I. No person shall negligently cut, fell, destroy, injure, ~~or~~ carry away, **or cause to be cut,**  
3 **felled, destroyed, injured, or carried away**, any tree, timber, log, wood, pole, underwood, or bark  
4 which is on the land of another person, or aid in such actions without the permission of that person  
5 or the person's agent.

6 7:2 Timber Harvesting; Trespass; Criminal Penalty. Amend RSA 227-J:8-a, I to read as follows:

7 I. No person shall recklessly cut, fell, destroy, injure, ~~or~~ carry away, **or cause to be cut,**  
8 **felled, destroyed, injured, or carried away**, any tree, timber, log, wood, pole, underwood, or bark  
9 which is on the land of another person, or aid in such actions without the permission of that person  
10 or the person's agent.

7:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2022.

Approved: April 23, 2021

Effective Date: January 01, 2022