

# SENATE NO. 1919

## **AN ACT** PROVIDING ACCESS TO RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,  
And by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 17C of Chapter 58 of the Massachusetts General Laws 2004 Official  
2 Edition is hereby amended by inserting after the word "land" in the second sentence the  
3 following: -- ", and to assist cities, towns and the Forest and Wood Products Education and  
4 Development Center to improve the utilization of the commonwealth's forest resources through  
5 a matching grant program."

6 Section 2. Section 17C of Chapter 58 of the Massachusetts General Laws 2004 Official  
7 Edition is further amended by inserting after subsection (b) the following: -- (c) Twenty-  
8 five percent of all revenue received by the removal of forest products from state owned  
9 forest land shall be deposited in the Forest Products Trust Fund. Such funds collected on  
10 or after July 31, 2007 shall be disbursed through a matching grant program, administered  
11 by the State Forester, to improve the utilization of the commonwealth's forest resources  
12 by establishing more efficient transportation, processing and utilization of forest  
13 products, or to enable the utilization of renewable forest biomass as a fuel source.

14 Section 3. The rules and regulations authorized under section two of this act shall be  
15 promulgated by the State Forester prior to July 31, 2007. This act shall take affect upon  
16 its passage.