

CHAPTER 84
SB 21 - FINAL VERSION

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SENATE BILL **21**

AN ACT relative to notice to cut timber.

SPONSORS: Sen. Starr, Dist 1; Sen. Giuda, Dist 2; Rep. Spang, Straf. 6; Rep. Pearl, Merr. 26

COMMITTEE: Election Law and Municipal Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that public notice of intent to cut timber is only required when the intent to cut is signed by the assessing officials outside a public meeting.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Nineteen

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

1 84:1 Forest Conservation and Taxation; Notice of Intent to Cut. Amend RSA 79:10, I(b) to read
2 as follows:

3 (b) Any intent received by a city, town, or unincorporated place shall, within 15 days, be
4 assigned a number in accordance with the guidelines provided by the commissioner of revenue
5 administration, and be signed by the assessing officials if all conditions for approval have been met.
6 ~~[Public notice shall be posted for any intent to cut received by a municipality before it is signed by~~
7 ~~assessing officials.]~~ ***Notwithstanding RSA 91-A, the assessing officials may sign the intent to***
8 ***cut outside a public meeting. When a notice is to be signed by the assessing officials***
9 ***outside a public meeting, public notice shall be posted by the municipality at least 24***
10 ***hours, excluding Sundays and holidays, before it is signed.*** The notice shall be posted in the 2
11 places where the municipality regularly posts notices of its governing body meetings.
12 ~~[Notwithstanding RSA 91-A, the assessing officials may sign the intent to cut outside a public~~
13 ~~meeting.]~~ If the conditions for approval have not been met, the assessing officials shall send a letter
14 to the owner or the person responsible for cutting, explaining the reason for the intent not being
15 signed. The assessing officials shall immediately forward any signed intent to the commissioner of
16 revenue administration and shall also supply a copy to the owner upon request. Failure of the
17 assessing officials to forward signed intent to cut forms to the department of revenue administration
18 shall constitute a violation.

84:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 18, 2019
Effective Date: August 17, 2019