

2 ESHB 2091 - S AMD - 534
3 By Senator Morton

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5 On page 17, after line 30, insert the following:

6 "(5) Forestry riparian easements under this section are to be
7 managed on a sixty year rotation basis, unless the landowner chooses
8 not to actively manage the riparian easement. Harvest of up to one
9 third of the timber on the land included in the easement may be
10 conducted during each twenty year period of the rotation. Under no
11 circumstances may harvest activities take place on the same one third
12 of the easement in any sixty year period. Any riparian easement land
13 harvested under this subsection must be reforested within three years
14 from the date of harvest to appropriate densities based upon forestry
15 management practices accounting for such factors as soil type,
16 elevation, and gradient. The state, through the department of natural
17 resources, must provide seedlings at no cost to landowners exclusively
18 for the purpose of reforesting under the requirements of this
19 subsection."

20 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any
21 internal references.

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EFFECT: Allows small forest landowners (harvest rate of up to 2 mmbf) to manage forestry riparian easements on a 60 year basis. Harvest on up to 1/3 of the easement may be conducted in each 20 year segment of the management cycle. Reforestation is required within one year and the state is to provide free seedlings to landowners to reforest such easements.