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1 AN ACT Relating to rules concerning eligibility to purchase state
2 and local government timber sales; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that no agency of
5 government currently has authority to modify current state rules in
6 chapter 240-15 WAC. In the absence of rule-making authority, the
7 legislature adopts the following interim policy for eligibility to
8 purchase state and local government timber sales:

9 (a) Processing facilities that purchased timber from state and
10 local government lands for more than five years prior to January 1,
11 2000, may continue to do so at their historic levels, notwithstanding
12 any changes in their ownership after January 1, 2000, if their owners
13 enter into agreements with the state department of revenue to ensure
14 that timber from state and local government lands purchased for those
15 facilities is not processed by ineligible facilities; and

16 (b) Processing facilities eligible to purchase unprocessed timber
17 from federal land within a sourcing area approved by the United States
18 forest service may purchase unprocessed timber from state and local
19 government lands within the boundaries of their federally approved

1 sourcing area, if their owners enter into agreements with the state
2 department of revenue to ensure that the timber from state and local
3 government lands purchased for those facilities is not processed by
4 ineligible facilities.

5 (2) The governor shall submit this modified policy to the United
6 States secretary of commerce for approval under the forest resources
7 conservation and shortage recovery act (16 U.S.C. Sec. 620).

8 (3) The interim policy under this section applies only to timber
9 sales made by a state agency or local government after the United
10 States secretary of commerce approves or is deemed to have approved the
11 policy under the forest resources conservation and shortage recovery
12 act (16 U.S.C. Sec. 620), and until the legislature acts to adopt a
13 permanent policy relating to the eligibility to purchase state and
14 local government timber, or until June 30, 2001, whichever occurs
15 earlier.

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