HOUSE BILL NO. HB0247

State lands-removal of forest products.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Bucholz

A BILL

for

- 1 AN ACT relating to public lands; providing for the
- 2 expedited process of forest product removal from state
- 3 lands as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

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- 7 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-1-112(b)(intro) is amended to
- 8 read:

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- 10 36-1-112. Cutting of timber by lessee of state lands
- 11 prohibited; exceptions.

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- 13 (b) Removal of forest products from state lands is
- 14 permitted only under a valid contract or small sale permit.
- 15 The board shall provide by rule and regulation for an
- 16 expedited contract and permitting process of not more than
- 17 sixty (60) days for removal of forest products upon an

1 adequate showing of either a forest resource or forest 2 industry urgency and a finding that there will be no harm 3 to the income generated from the public lands. For the 4 purposes of this subsection, "urgency" means conditions of 5 forest product availability causing substantial interruption of the ability of users of forest resources to 6 7 make beneficial use of those resources. Unauthorized removal of forest products shall be subject to the 8 9 following penalties:

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11 Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon 12 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the 13 Constitution. 14

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16 (END)

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