

1971 Assembly Bill 679

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AN ACT to repeal and recreate 26.06 (1) of the statutes, relating to unlawful cutting of forest products.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

26.06 (1) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

26.06 (1) Foresters, forest supervisors, rangers and wardens of the department and the cruisers and foresters of the board of commissioners of public lands shall have the enforcement powers specified in s. 26.14 (1) with respect to, and shall also be authorized to seize, without process, any forest products unlawfully severed from public lands of the state, federal lands leased to the state, county forest lands entered under s. 28.11 or forest croplands entered under ch. 77. Seized products cut from lands under the control of the board of commissioners of public lands shall be held for the commissioners and those cut from forest croplands or county forest shall be held for the owner, and subject to his payment of severance taxes or severance share thereon to the state. Products cut from state forest lands or federal lands leased to the department shall be appraised and sold. Products appraised at more

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than \$500 shall be sold on sealed bids not less than 10 days after a class 1 notice has been published, under ch. 985, in the county where the material is located. Any sheriff may seize and hold for the owner thereof any forest products unlawfully severed or removed.
