



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 423
[2005 Senate Bill 683]

**Cutting Forest Products in Utility
and Other Rights-of-Way**

In general, no person may harvest (defined as cutting, removing, or transporting) any raw forest products from any land for which taxes are delinquent. Further, no person may harvest raw forest products until 14 days after providing notice to the clerk of the county in which the forest products are located of the person's intent to harvest those products. The penalty for violation of these requirements is a forfeiture of not less than \$100 nor more than \$10,000.

2005 Wisconsin Act 423 provides that these requirements do not apply to the harvesting of raw forest products for the purpose of establishing or maintaining a railroad track or structure, a pipeline, or a utility right-of-way by any of the following:

- (a) An alternative telecommunications utility, as defined in s. 196.01 (1d).
- (b) An electric cooperative, as defined in s. 196.025 (5) (ag).
- (c) A public utility, as defined in s. 196.01 (5).
- (d) A railroad, as defined in s. 195.02.
- (e) A telecommunications carrier, as defined in s. 196.01 (8m).
- (f) A telecommunications utility, as defined in s. 196.01 (10).
- (g) A corporation licensed to do business in this state that is engaged in the business of transporting natural gas, petroleum products, water, or sewage through pipelines.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.