

CHAPTER 80

AN ACT to amend 26.03 (1) (a) and (b) of the statutes, relating to exception of fuel wood from prohibition against cutting forest products.

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

26.03 (1) (a) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

26.03 (1) (a) Before any person shall cut, or cause to be cut any logs, piling, poles, posts, pulpwood, Christmas trees or other forest products, except fuel wood *for personal home consumption*, in, upon or adjoining any forest or wild land area he shall pay all delinquent taxes thereon and each year shall mail a notice in the English language giving his name and post-office address, and listing all the lands upon which such cutting is to be done, designating the same by each 40 acre governmental subdivision or fraction thereof with the proper section, town and range, by registered letter addressed to the county clerk of each county in which the land is located; and the county clerk shall mail a copy of such notice to the district forest ranger and the town chairman of each town in which said lands upon which such forest products are to be cut are located, and to the county treasurer, who shall forthwith determine whether the county holds tax certificates or tax deeds to any of the land listed in the notice, and if he so finds, he shall take action to collect the unpaid taxes represented by county-owned tax certificates or to prevent cutting on land to which the county holds a tax deed or tax certificate. This section shall not apply to cutting for the purpose of clearing such land for agricultural use.

(b) No purchaser of Indian reservation land or land to be placed upon the tax roll for the first time shall cut or cause to be cut any logs, piling, posts, poles, pulpwood, Christmas trees or other forest products, except fuel wood *for personal home consumption*, from such land without first recording the instrument by which title to such land was acquired in the office of the register of deeds for the county in which such land is located.

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