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CHAPTER 502

The Woodlands Improvement Act

1. In this Act,

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R.S.O. 1970,  
c. 181

- (a) "forestry purposes" means forestry purposes as defined in *The Forestry Act*;
- (b) "improvement of the woodlands" does not include any treatment that will produce immediate revenue;
- (c) "management program" means a report of the existing forest resources and on the proposed silvicultural and marketing program;
- (d) "Minister" means the Minister of Lands and Forests;
- (e) "nursery stock" means nursery stock as defined in *The Forestry Act*;
- (f) "owner" means registered owner in fee simple;
- (g) "regulations," means the regulations made under this Act;
- (h) "woodlands" means lands having at least 400 trees per acre of all sizes or at least 300 trees per acre measuring over two inches in diameter or at least 200 trees per acre measuring over five inches in diameter or at least 100 trees per acre measuring over eight inches in diameter (all such measurements to be taken at four and one-half feet from the ground), but does not include a plantation established for the purpose of producing Christmas trees. 1966, c. 161, s. 1.

2. Subject to the regulations, the Minister may, upon such terms and conditions as he considers proper, enter into agreements with the owners of lands that are suitable for forestry purposes and that are situate in a private forest management area for the planting of nursery stock or the improvement of the woodlands on such lands. 1966, c. 161, s. 2.

Agreements as to forestry development

3. Where an owner of land enters into an agreement under section 2, he shall not cut or remove any trees growing on the land covered by the agreement except in accordance with the management program under the agreement. 1966, c. 161, s. 3.

Cutting of trees

4. Where an owner of land who has entered into an agreement under section 2 violates or fails to observe any provision of the agreement or this Act, the Minister may terminate the agreement

Termination of agreement and recovery of cost

and may recover from the owner in any court of competent jurisdiction the cost of the planting of nursery stock or the improvement of the woodlands determined at the rate fixed by the regulations. 1966. c. 161, s. 4.

Regulations

**5.—(1)** The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations,

- (a) fixing the cost of the planting of nursery stock and the cost of improvement of the woodlands that are recoverable by the Minister under section 4;
- (b) prescribing the maximum sum per acre that the Minister may expend under agreements entered into under section 2;
- (c) designating parts of Ontario as private forest management areas.

Idem,  
limited  
effect

(2) Any regulation may be limited to one or more private forest management areas. 1966, c. 161, s. 5.