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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 3461

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; classifying certain forest industry data; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 13.7931, by adding a subdivision; proposing
1.4 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 84.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 13.7931, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 7. Forest industry data. Information that the Department of Natural Resources
1.9 collects, receives, or maintains through voluntary responses to questionnaires or surveys
1.10 by forest industry businesses are classified under section 84.0871.

1.11 Sec. 2. [84.0871] DATA ON FOREST INDUSTRY.

1.12 (a) The following data that the Department of Natural Resources collects, receives, or
1.13 maintains through voluntary responses to questionnaires or surveys by forest industry
1.14 businesses are classified as private data on individuals, as defined in section 13.02,
1.15 subdivision 12, if the data are data on individuals or as nonpublic data, as defined in section
1.16 13.02, subdivision 9, if the data are data not on individuals:

1.17 (1) timber resource consumption;

1.18 (2) origin of timber resources;

1.19 (3) cost of delivered timber;

1.20 (4) forest industry product output; and

1.21 (5) production costs.

2.1 (b) Data that the department collects, receives, or maintains through voluntary responses
2.2 to questionnaires or surveys by forest industry businesses and that are not specified under
2.3 paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (5), are public data.

2.4 (c) Summary data, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 19, that the department
2.5 compiles from data under paragraph (a) or (b) are public data.

2.6 (d) Data collected, received, or maintained by the department from bidders on state
2.7 timber under section 90.145 are not subject to this section.