An Act making it a crime to willfully and feloniously cut, pull down, burn, destroy, kill or deaden, carry or float away, any trees, wood or timber growing or lying on the land of another, or lying in the water on the land of another, or to cause the same to be done without the consent of the owner, and fixing a penalty therefor.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, That whoever shall willfully and feloniously cut, pull down, burn, destroy, kill or deaden, or carry or float away any tree, wood or timber growing or lying on the land of another, or lying in the water on the land of another, or cause same to be done without the consent of the owner or actual possessor thereof, on conviction shall be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars nor more than Five Hundred Dollars, or be imprisoned in the penitentiary or otherwise for not more than two years, at the discretion of the Court, and in default of payment of said fine and costs, he shall be imprisoned not less than twenty days nor more than four months.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, etc.; That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

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affidavit from the seller evidence of the wilful and felonious intent within the meaning of this Act, and to fix the punishment for said crime.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, That whoever shall wilfully or knowingly purchase any tree or timber in single sticks, cribs, blocks or rafts, in any lake, bayou, stream or river in this State, or in the woods, or deliver at any sawmill or other point in this State unpaid for by the seller or not owned by the seller, shall be deemed guilty of a crime, and on conviction thereof be fined not less than Fifty Dollars nor more than Five Hundred, or imprisoned in the penitentiary or otherwise for not more than two years, at the discretion of the court, and in default of the payment of said fine and costs, he shall be imprisoned not less than twenty days nor more than four months.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the purchaser of such timber is directed by this Act to exact a signed and sworn statement from the seller that such timber has been paid for, or has been cut from lands of seller, and the failure of the purchaser to exact such a signed and sworn statement from the seller shall be prima facie evidence of the fraudulent intent and guilty knowledge on the part of said purchaser within the meaning of this Act, sufficient to warrant a conviction.

Section 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That a purchaser exacting a signed and sworn statement from the seller as required in Section 2 of this Act, shall be exonerated from any fraudulent wilful or criminal knowledge within the meaning of this Act.

Section 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to prohibit or interfere with the owner of any timber which shall have been taken from the recovery of such damages as may be authorized in civil proceedings.

Section 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

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