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Brief Description: Modifying provisions related to small forest landowners.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Requires the small forest landowner office to develop criteria to be adopted by the forest practices board in a manual for alternate management plans or alternate harvest restrictions. These alternate plans or alternate harvest restrictions shall meet riparian functions while requiring less costly regulatory prescriptions.

Declares that alternate plans are intended to provide flexibility to landowners by allowing low-impact activities that will still provide protection of riparian functions based upon specific field conditions or stream conditions on the landowner's property.

Provides that, if a landowner is unable to obtain a forest practices application for any of his or her land because of regulatory impacts, the landowner may still qualify as a small forest landowner under this act.

Requires the small forest landowner office to determine the compensation to be offered to a small forest landowner who is unable to obtain a forest practices application because of regulatory impacts.

Provides that, for small forest landowners who are unable to obtain a forest practices application for any of his or her land because of regulatory impacts, the compensation offered must be in the amount of fifty percent of the value of the timber that cannot be harvested.