

4. Maintain adequate growing stock after partial cutting or selective logging. The rules of the Commission of State Forests and Parks, defining standards of forest practice to obtain and maintain adequate growing stock in the different forest types, shall vary in the different forest types of the State.

5. Provide for leases and timber cutting rights. This sub-title and all rules and regulations promulgated hereunder shall apply to the owners of the land or stumpage, and to persons whose operations are in timber, trees, or wood held under lease, or cutting rights at the time of passage of this Act, provided that in its administration due consideration shall be given to the ownership equities existing when this law becomes effective in order to avoid causing unreasonable hardship, but any such leases or cutting rights entered into after the passage of this Act shall be unreservedly subject thereto. Any owner or operator on his own forest property or property leased to him, may develop and inaugurate his own alternate plan of management and employ such standards and methods as may suffice to accomplish the purpose of this sub-title, as specified in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of this Section, provided such plans be submitted on forms provided by the Commission of State Forests and Parks to the District Forestry Board having jurisdiction of such forestry property, and is accepted by such District Forestry Board as a plan which gives reasonable assurance of accomplishing the purposes of this sub-title. In arriving at such decision the District Forestry Board shall give consideration, among other factors, to the economic condition of the area in which the land is situated, the valuation and rates for tax purposes and the social and economic effects of the proposed alternate plan. Appeals from the decision of the District Forestry Board may be taken to the Commission of State Forests and Parks and from the latter to the Circuit Court of a County or the Baltimore City Court, as provided in Section 55 of this sub-title. A land owner may present working plans for the cutting and management of his forest to the local Board for approval. These management plans shall be in a form and for a period prescribed by the Commission of State Forests and Parks. Free advice and assistance of the Commission of State Forests and Parks shall be available to forest owners so far as possible.

6. Make application for inspection.

A. Within three years, but in no event less than thirty days preceding a cutting, the owner of woodlands, hereinbefore defined, or his agent, may make application to the