

375C. Any **WHENEVER ANY** forest officer when dressed in uniform, peace officer or state policeman of this state may **SHALL** stop any truck, trailer, or other vehicle engaged in the transporting of the evergreen trees, shrubs or boughs described in Section 372A 375A of this sub-title, except (**OTHER THAN** trucks or trailers licensed for and engaged in interstate commerce, and ), **HE MAY** require the driver or operator to produce the bill, invoice, or sworn statement of ownership required by Sections 372A 375A and 372B 375B of this sub-title as evidence of lawful ownership or custody of such trees, shrubs or boughs. Failure to produce upon demand such bill of sale, invoice, or sworn statement of ownership, or offering a bill of sale or invoice which fails to provide the information required by such sections, is **SHALL BE** a violation of such sections; and such truck, or other vehicle together with its contents, shall be impounded by the investigating officer for a period of forty-eight hours, unless a satisfactory and genuine bill of sale, invoice, or sworn statement of ownership is sooner presented. Failure to furnish a satisfactory and genuine bill of sale, invoice, or sworn statement of ownership within forty-eight hours from the time that such truck, trailer, or other vehicle is impounded, constitutes prima facie evidence that the trees, shrubs or boughs so impounded are not the property of the person engaged in transporting them and that such person is unlawfully transporting such trees, shrubs or boughs. **AND THE DRIVER OR OPERATOR THEREOF SHALL BE TAKEN BEFORE THE NEAREST MAGISTRATE FOR HEARING OR OTHER DISPOSITION ON A CHARGE FOR SUCH VIOLATION. IT SHALL BE LAWFUL FOR ANY FOREST OFFICER WHEN DRESSED IN UNIFORM, PEACE OFFICER OR STATE POLICEMAN OF THIS STATE TO STOP ANY TRUCK, TRAILER, OR OTHER VEHICLE ENGAGED IN THE TRANSPORTING OF THE EVERGREEN TREES, SHRUBS OR BOUGHS DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 375A AND 375B OF THIS SUB-TITLE, OTHER THAN TRUCKS OR TRAILERS LICENSED FOR AND ENGAGED IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE AND TO REQUIRE THE DRIVER OR OPERATOR TO PRODUCE THE BILL OF SALE OR IDENTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP REQUIRED BY SECTIONS 375A AND 375B OF THIS SUB-TITLE. FAILURE TO HAVE AND TO PRODUCE UPON PROPER DEMAND SUCH BILL OF SALE OR IDENTIFICATION SHALL BE A VIOLATION OF SUCH SECTIONS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT AN ACCUSED SHALL NOT BE CONVICTED IF HE SHALL PRODUCE, WITHIN TEN DAYS FROM THE DATE HE IS FORMALLY CHARGED, THE REQUIRED BILL OF SALE OR IDENTIFICATION.**

375D. At the discretion of the Trial Magistrate before whom the defendant is brought for a violation of Sections 372A to 372C, inclusive, of this sub-title, the trees, shrubs or boughs being transported at the time of the offense may immediately be disposed of at the highest obtainable price, and the money obtained from such sale shall be impounded by the court, pending determination of the ownership of such trees, shrubs or boughs. If such owners are unknown and cannot be ascertained within thirty days after such sale, or if there is money remaining after the claims of known owners have been satisfied, all money thereafter remaining shall be paid to the county.

375E. 375D. Any violation of Sections 372A to 372C, 375A TO 375C, inclusive, of this sub-title shall constitute a misdemeanor and