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# Certificate for Timber Cutting

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Sincerely,

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In order to insure the collection of delinquent taxes on timberland, anyone who cuts or removes timber must first obtain a certificate from the trustee stating that no delinquent taxes exist on that land. A timber cutter who fails to obtain the certificate is liable for any delinquent taxes on the property; any equipment used to cut the timber is subject to the lien for taxes. The trustee, the county mayor, and the delinquent tax attorney are required to enforce this liability, and are authorized to obtain an injunction to prevent the unauthorized cutting or removal of any timber.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>T.C.A. §§ 67-5-2301 through 67-5-2306.

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