

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 664

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

AGRICULTURE/FOREST COMR. Authorizes the commissioner of agriculture and forestry to receive and investigate complaints about prescribed burns and to revoke his authorization in certain situations. (8/1/14)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 3:17(F), relative to prescribed burning; to provide for the powers, duties, and
3 authority of the commissioner of agriculture and forestry; to allow the commissioner
4 to receive complaints of prescribed burns and investigate such complaints; to provide
5 the commissioner with authority to suspend or revoke certain authorizations; and to
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 3:17(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §17. Prescribed burning; intent and purpose; authorization; definitions

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11 **F. Persons who wish to complain about certain prescribed burns shall**
12 **issue their complaints to the commissioner. The commissioner shall investigate**
13 **such complaints and have the authority to suspend or revoke his authorization**
14 **for the prescribed burn for such persons found to be in violation of the**
15 **prescribed burn requirements or rules and regulations promulgated pursuant**
16 **to this Section.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

Cortez (SB 664)

Proposed law provides that complaints by citizens about prescribed burns shall be made to the commissioner of agriculture and forestry, who shall investigate such complaints and who will possess the authority to suspend or revoke his authorization issued to persons found to be in violation of the prescribed burn requirements or rules and regulations.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 3:17(F))