



1           WHEREAS, recognizing the various interests and needs of so many land owners  
2 requires a balanced educational approach to encourage and promote sound forestry practices  
3 over such a vast area; and

4           WHEREAS, the Louisiana Forestry Association administers a Sustainable Forestry  
5 Initiative (SFI) Master Logger program to certify loggers as master loggers; and

6           WHEREAS, the SFI master logger program will provide the tools needed to keep our  
7 forests healthy and growing; and

8           WHEREAS, the program consists of a series of classes given over the span of two  
9 days that an individual must attend in order to become certified as a Louisiana Master  
10 Logger; and

11           WHEREAS, individuals are required to complete the core classes only once, but each  
12 certified logger must earn a minimum of six continuing education credits each year in order  
13 to maintain their certification; if a certified logger does not take the classes and is inactive  
14 for three years, they must start the certification process over with the core classes; and

15           WHEREAS, implementing the program under the direction of the office of forestry  
16 in the Department of Agriculture and Forestry allows the office of forestry to mandate that  
17 all logging contractors and foremen receive master logger certification training; and

18           WHEREAS, the department supports the Louisiana Forestry Association  
19 administering the program and the department believes that this program is a necessary and  
20 important tool that the office of forestry can use to make sure that all loggers and foremen  
21 are educated in the most up-to-date techniques to use when engaging in the harvest and  
22 transport of timber.

23           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
24 urge and request the Department of Agriculture and Forestry to study the feasibility of  
25 implementing a master logger certification program under the office of forestry in the  
26 Department of Agriculture and Forestry to be administered by the Louisiana Forestry  
27 Association.

28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture and Forestry  
29 report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature of Louisiana on or before  
30 February 1, 2018.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
2 to the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and the Louisiana  
3 Forestry Association.

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DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry to study the feasibility of implementing a master logger certification program under the office of forestry in the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry to be administered by the La. Forestry Association. Requires the department to report its findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than Feb. 1, 2018.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed concurrent resolution:

1. Make technical changes.