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HB 327 Engrossed

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McFarland

Abstract: Requires a written contract or agreement for timber harvesting operations to cut a certain acreage.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires any person who intends to cut five or more acres of timberland to have a written contract or agreement with the owner, purchaser, or representative of either the owner or purchaser, of such timberland.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the commissioner of agriculture and forestry, with advice from the La. Forestry Commission, to adopt rules and regulations consistent with the Administrative Procedure Act.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the commissioner to impose a penalty of \$500 for failure to comply with the provisions of <u>proposed law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> specifies that each day a violation occurs is a separate violation. Further requires that civil penalties may only be assessed by a ruling of the commissioner based on an adjudicatory hearing being held.

(Adds R.S. 3:4278.6)