

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 93

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

FORESTRY. Provides relative to the sale of certain forest tree seedlings. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:4303, relative to the sale of certain forest tree seedlings; to
3 provide relative to retention of sale receipts; to provide relative to department
4 nurseries; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 3:4303 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §4303. Forest tree seedlings; change of price; sale to those engaged in forestry
8 activities

9 The commission from time to time may fix by appropriate rules and
10 regulations the prices at which forest tree seedlings grown at its **department**
11 nurseries shall be sold to landowners engaged in forestry activities, which price shall,
12 insofar as possible, be conducive to the promotion and development of sound
13 reforestation practices in this state and all receipts from the sale of seedlings shall be
14 retained by the ~~commission~~ **department** and expended in the development and
15 operation of the ~~commission's~~ **department's** nurseries for scientific forestry research
16 and experimentation for land acquisition and general operations of ~~the commission~~
17 **department nurseries.**

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

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

DIGEST

Thompson (SB 93)

Present law requires the La. Forestry Commission to retain all receipts from the sale of seedlings at commission nurseries.

Proposed law instead requires the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry to retain all receipts from the sale of seedlings at department nurseries.

Present law requires that receipts from the sale of seedlings be expended in the development and operation of the commission's nurseries for scientific forestry research and experimentation for land acquisition and general operations of the commission.

Proposed law narrows the scope of present law to require that receipts from the sale of seedlings only be expended in the general operations of the department nurseries instead of the commission and otherwise retains present law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 3:4303)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill

1. Clarifies that nurseries belong to the department and not the commission.