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HB 580 Engrossed

2017 Regular Session

McFarland

Abstract: Allows the parish-allocated portion of the timber severance tax be used for road maintenance and construction.

<u>Proposed law</u> allows the funds received by the governing authority of the parishes of this state from the timber severance tax to be used for road maintenance and construction of roads used primarily by timber, logging, and lumber companies to harvest and transport timber.

(Adds R.S. 3:4345)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Agriculture</u>, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill:

- 1. Remove the provision requiring the governing authority of a parish that receives timber severance tax funds to use the funds solely for road maintenance and construction.
- 2. Remove the provision requiring the governing authority of any parish that receives timber severance taxes to exhaust the funds received on road maintenance and construction prior to requesting liability bonds or certificates of insurance from timber, logging, or lumber companies.