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HOUSE BILL NO. 106

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AN ACT

FARMING: Provides relative to the Right to Farm Law

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| To amend and reenact R.S. 3:3601(B)(2) and (3), relative to the Right to Farm Law; to  |
| include forest and timber land and forest and timber operations in the legislative     |
| declaration that agricultural land and operations must be protected; and to provide    |
| for related matters.   |
| Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:   |
| Section 1. R.S. 3:3601(B)(2) and (3) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as       |
| follows:   |
| §3601. Citation; legislative findings; purpose   |
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| (2) The legislature further finds and declares that owners of agricultural land,       |
| including forest and timber land, and the public, which depends upon agricultural      |
| production, need to be protected from further diminution in value of agricultural land |
| by providing safeguards and by establishing a more reliable remedy for diminution      |
| in value of agricultural land caused by governmental entities.                         |
| (3) The legislature also finds and declares that agricultural operations,              |
| including forest and timber operations, and the public, which depends upon             |
| agricultural production, need to be protected from any nuisance actions.               |
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**Abstract:** Clarifies that growing and harvesting trees are protected under the Right to Farm Law.

<u>Present law</u> provides that owners of agricultural land need to be protected from further diminution of value caused by governmental entities.

<u>Proposed law</u> clarifies that agricultural land includes forest and timber land.

<u>Present law</u> specifies that agricultural operations need to be protected from any nuisance actions.

<u>Proposed law</u> clarifies that agricultural operations include forest and timber operations.

(Amends R.S. 3:3601(B)(2) and (3))