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SENATE BILL NO. 55

BY SENATOR RISER

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

AGRICULTURE/FOREST DEPT. Provides relative to the Louisiana Forestry Commission and tree seedling nurseries. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:4274(B) and 4301, relative to forestry; to provide relative to the powers of the Louisiana Forestry Commission; to provide relative to forest tree seedling nurseries; to eliminate certain nursery requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 3:4274(B) and 4301 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§4274. Powers and duties of commission

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B. The commission may also sue and be sued; and have and exercise all authority and power as was prescribed by law ~~for the former commissioner of conservation~~ in relation to the practice of forestry.

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§4301. Forest tree seedling nurseries; authorization

The office of forestry may purchase land, install watering systems, and construct and equip the buildings necessary for the operation of ~~at least two~~ forest

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tree seedling nurseries. ~~North and South Louisiana shall each have at least one nursery.~~

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

DIGEST

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Present law authorizes the Louisiana Forestry Commission to sue and be sued; and have and exercise all authority and power as was prescribed by law for the former commissioner of conservation in relation to the practice of forestry.

Proposed law authorizes the Louisiana Forestry Commission to exercise all authority and power as was prescribed by law, removes the reference to the former commissioner of conservation and otherwise retains present law.

Present law authorizes the office of forestry to purchase land, install watering systems, and construct and equip the buildings necessary for the operation of at least two forest tree seedling nurseries and requires that north and south Louisiana each have at least one nursery.

Proposed law removes the requirement that the office of forestry operate at least two forest tree nurseries. Proposed law also removes the requirement that north and south Louisiana each have at least one nursery.

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

(Amends R.S. 3:4274(B) and 4301)

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