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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Reinstates provisions of prior law requiring prompt payment for forest products and changes terminology.

Prior law required a person who acquired forest products to pay the landowner in full within 30 days of receiving payment for selling the products. Proposed law retains prior law.

Prior law required the landowner to send written notice demanding payment after the 30-day window and allowed the offender 10 additional days to make the payment in full before facing criminal penalties. Proposed law retains prior law.

Prior law provided that the criminal penalties are dependent upon the value of forest products the offender took without paying the landowner. Proposed law retains prior law.

Proposed law changes the designation of prior law from Title 14 to Title 3 to include proposed law with other forestry protection provisions.

Proposed law makes a modification to prior law by changing references to the phrase "person who acquires" and the terms "offender" and "buyer" to "harvester" and adds a definition for "harvester". Prior law provided that when the buyer violated prior law by a number of distinct acts, the aggregate of the amount of the forest products determined the grade of the violation. Proposed law does not restore prior law.

(Adds R.S. 3:4278.4)