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## DIGEST

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HB 327 Original

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**Abstract:** Requires a written contract or agreement for timber harvesting operations to cut a certain acreage.

Proposed law requires any person who intends to cut five or more acres of timberland to have a written contract or agreement with the owner, purchaser, or representative of either the owner or purchaser, of such timberland.

Proposed law requires the commissioner of agriculture and forestry, with advice from the La. Forestry Commission, to adopt rules and regulations consistent with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Proposed law authorizes the commissioner to impose a penalty of \$500 for failure to comply with the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law specifies that each day a violation occurs is a separate violation. Further requires that civil penalties may only be assessed by a ruling of the commissioner based on an adjudicatory hearing being held.

(Adds R.S. 3:4278.6)