

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 326

BY SENATOR REESE

AGRICULTURE/FOREST DEPT. Provides for training and education on post traumatic stress and emotional support for certain fighters. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 3:4276(17), relative to the state forester; to provide for the powers and duties
3 of the state forester; to provide for training and education related to certain
4 circumstances; to provide relative to post-traumatic stress and emotional support;
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 3:4276(17) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §4276. Powers and duties of state forester

9 The state forester shall:

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11 **(17) Establish an educational training program to address post-**
12 **traumatic stress and to provide emotional support for wildland firefighters to**
13 **cope with the stress of their jobs.**

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

1 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 Mary Frances Aucoin.

DIGEST

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Present law provides for the state forester to have certain powers and duties.

Proposed law retains present law and further allows the state forester to establish an educational training program to address post-traumatic stress and to provide emotional support for wildland firefighters to cope with the stress of their jobs.

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

(Adds R.S. 3:4276(17))