

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law applies only to prescribed burning not in accordance with existing law and defines a "non-certified prescribed burn manager".

New law provides that an applicant must provide the office of forestry with the location, date, and time of the prescribed burn prior to conducting a prescribed burn.

New law authorizes the commissioner of agriculture and forestry to promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

New law does not entitle the non-certified prescribed burn manager with a rebuttable presumption of non-negligence.

New law exempts the need for a permit when burning leaf piles, yard debris, or hand-piled natural vegetation.

New law provides for a civil penalty not to exceed \$250 for a first offense and a civil penalty not to exceed \$500 for a second or subsequent offense.

New law provides that civil penalties may only be assessed by a ruling of the commissioner based upon an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

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(Adds R.S. 3:17.1)