

SENATE BILL NO. 664

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:17(B) and to enact R.S. 3:17(F), relative to prescribed burning; to provide for the powers, duties, and authority of the commissioner of agriculture and forestry; to allow the commissioner to receive complaints of prescribed burns and investigate such complaints; to provide the commissioner with authority to suspend or revoke certain authorizations; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 3:17(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 3:17(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§17. Prescribed burning; intent and purpose; authorization; definitions

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B. The commissioner of agriculture and forestry shall adopt and promulgate voluntary rules and regulations, consistent with applicable state and federal law, and the general intent and purpose of this Section, to authorize and promote the continued use of prescribed burning for ecological, silvicultural, wildlife management, agricultural, and range management purposes. **Such rules and regulations shall be adopted and promulgated by the commissioner pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.**

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**F. Persons who wish to complain about certain prescribed burns shall issue their complaints to the commissioner. The commissioner shall investigate such complaints and have the authority to suspend or revoke his authorization for the prescribed burn for persons found to be in violation of the prescribed**

1            burn requirements or rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this  
2            Section.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_