

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 393

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

AGRICULTURE/FOREST COMR: Provides for the commissioner's authority to regulate cooperative agreements within the Louisiana Forestry Productivity Program

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:4412(C), relative to the Louisiana Forestry Productivity
3 Program; to provide for the duties and powers of the commissioner of agriculture
4 relative to cooperative agreements; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 3:4412(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §4412. Assistance through cooperative agreements

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9 C. The commissioner shall ~~determine~~ promulgate rules and regulations in
10 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to establish the extent of the
11 state's involvement in each cooperative agreement ~~which shall not exceed fifty~~
12 ~~percent of the cost of the cooperative agreement or a total value of assistance of ten~~
13 ~~thousand dollars to any one~~ with a landowner during a fiscal year.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the commissioner of agriculture to develop rules and regulations establishing the state's level of resources contributed in a cooperative agreement with a landowner under the La. Forestry Productivity Program.

Present law requires the commissioner to determine the extent of the state's involvement in each cooperative agreement but creates financial thresholds not exceeding 50% of the cost of the agreement or a total value of assistance of \$10,000 to any one landowner in a fiscal year.

Proposed law modifies present law by removing the financial thresholds and adding a requirement that the commissioner establish rules and regulations setting the state's level of involvement in the cooperative agreements with landowners.

(Amends R.S. 3:4412(C))