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Proposed law provides that any prescribed burning done not in accordance with present law must have a permit from the office of forestry prior to burning.

Proposed law provides that an applicant must, at minimum, provide the office of forestry with the location and time of the proposed burn when applying for a permit. The applicant can provide this information by a telephone call to the office of forestry.

Proposed law authorizes the commissioner of agriculture and forestry to promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, including the adoption of a permit fee not to exceed $25 and the information required from the applicant.

Proposed law does not entitle the prescribed burner with a rebuttable presumption of non-negligence.

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

Proposed 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.

Proposed law provides that civil penalties may only be assessed by a ruling of the commissioner in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

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

(Adds R.S. 3:17.1)