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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to certified pile burning; amending s.

590.125, F.S.; removing a provision specifying the

origin of debris authorized for certified pile

burning; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 590.125, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

590.125 Open burning authorized by the Florida Forest Service.—

- (4) CERTIFIED PILE BURNING. -
- (a) Certified pile burning pertains to the disposal of piled, naturally occurring debris from agricultural, silvicultural, land-clearing, or tree-cutting debris originating onsite. Certified pile burning must be conducted in accordance with the following:
- 1. A certified pile burner must ensure, before ignition, that the piles are properly placed and that the content of the piles is conducive to efficient burning.
- 2. A certified pile burner must ensure that the authorized burn is completed no later than 1 hour after sunset. If the burn is conducted in an area designated by the Florida Forest Service as smoke sensitive, a certified pile burner must ensure that the

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authorized burn is completed at least 1 hour before sunset.

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- 3. A written pile burning plan must be prepared before receiving authorization from the Florida Forest Service to burn and must be onsite and available for inspection by a department representative.
- 4. The specific consent of the landowner or his or her agent must be obtained before requesting authorization to burn.
- 5. An authorization to burn must be obtained from the Florida Forest Service or its designated agent before igniting the burn.
- 6. There must be adequate firebreaks and sufficient personnel and firefighting equipment at the burn site to contain the burn to the piles authorized.
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.