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SENATE BILL NO. 328

BY SENATOR REESE

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AGRICULTURE/FOREST DEPT. Provides relative to training for volunteer firefighters on forest fire and wildfire suppression. (gov sig)

AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 3:4276(17), relative to the state forester; to provide for the powers and duties 3 of the state forester; to provide for a training program regarding certain practices and procedures; to provide relative to forest fire and wildfire suppression; and to provide 4 5 for related matters. 6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: Section 1. R.S. 3:4276(17) is hereby enacted to read as follows: 8 §4276. Powers and duties of state forester 9 The state forester shall: 10 11 (17) Establish a training program to train with volunteer firefighters regarding proper wildland firefighting practices and procedures. 12 13 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not 14 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If 15 16 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval. 17

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Frances Aucoin.

DIGEST

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<u>Present law</u> requires the state forester to provide wildfire suppression training to the office of forestry employees to National Wildfire Coordinating Group standards.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and further requires the state forester to establish a training program to train with volunteer firefighters regarding proper wildland fighting practices and procedures.

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

(Adds R.S. 3:4276(17))