

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2168

Introduced by Assembly Member Chesbro

February 23, 2012

An act to add Section 4582.70 to the Public Resources Code, relating to forestry and fire protection.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2168, as introduced, Chesbro. Forestry: timber harvesting plans.

The Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 prohibits a person from conducting timber operations unless a timber harvesting plan prepared by a professional forester has been submitted to, and approved by, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

This bill would require the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection, if an initial inspection is needed to review a timber harvesting plan, to coordinate with a specified interdisciplinary review team to ensure that all necessary members are present for the inspection. The bill would permit the director, if there are compelling reasons why a member of the review team cannot attend the initial inspection, and the director articulates those reasons in writing to the person who submitted the plan, to schedule an additional onsite visit to complete the initial inspection.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4582.70 is added to the Public Resources
- 2 Code, to read:

1 4582.70. If an initial inspection is needed to review a timber
2 harvesting plan, the director shall coordinate with the
3 interdisciplinary team required to be established pursuant to Section
4 1037.5 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations to ensure
5 that all necessary members of the team are present for the
6 inspection. If there are compelling reasons why a member of the
7 review team cannot attend the initial inspection, and the director
8 articulates those reasons in writing to the person who submitted
9 the plan, the director may schedule an additional onsite visit to
10 complete the initial inspection.

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