

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 904

Introduced by Assembly Member Chesbro

February 22, 2013

An act relating to forest resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 904, as introduced, Chesbro. Forestry: nonindustrial timber management plan.

The Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 prohibits a person from conducting timber operations on timberland unless a timber harvesting plan has been prepared by a registered professional forester and has been submitted to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and approved by the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection or the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. The act authorizes a nonindustrial timber management plan to be filed with the department in writing by a person who intends to become a nonindustrial tree farmer with the long-term objective of an uneven aged timber stand and sustained yield through the implementation of a nonindustrial timber management plan.

This bill would state that it is the intent of the Legislature to reform the nonindustrial timber management plan program to improve forest health and to provide incentives so that more landowners to utilize the program.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to reform the
2 nonindustrial timber management plan program (commencing with
3 Section 4593 of the Public Resources Code) to improve forest
4 health and to provide incentives so that more landowners utilize
5 the program.

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