

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
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2014

CHAPTER 207

HOUSE BILL 2343

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 37, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 11, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 37-483; RELATING TO REMOVAL OF VEGETATIVE NATURAL PRODUCTS ON STATE LAND.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 37, chapter 2, article 11, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 37-483, to read:

4 37-483. Removal of vegetative natural products: program:
5 termination

6 A. ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2016, THE COMMISSIONER, IN COORDINATION
7 WITH THE STATE FORESTER, SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR THE REMOVAL OF
8 VEGETATIVE NATURAL PRODUCTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIRE SUPPRESSION AND FOREST
9 MANAGEMENT ON STATE LANDS. THE COMMISSIONER AND STATE FORESTER SHALL
10 IDENTIFY AND PRIORITIZE THE STATE LANDS THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE MOST FROM
11 IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM FOR THE REMOVAL OF VEGETATIVE NATURAL PRODUCTS
12 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIRE SUPPRESSION AND FOREST MANAGEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
13 THE WILDFIRE RISK ASSESSMENT DEVELOPED BY THE STATE FORESTER.

14 B. TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM FOR THE REMOVAL OF VEGETATIVE NATURAL
15 PRODUCTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIRE SUPPRESSION AND FOREST MANAGEMENT ON STATE
16 LANDS THE COMMISSIONER AND STATE FORESTER MAY:

17 1. COORDINATE AND CONTRACT WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES.

18 2. ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO TITLE 11,
19 CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 3, WITH A COUNTY, CITY, TOWN, NATURAL RESOURCE
20 CONSERVATION DISTRICT OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION TO SHARE THE COST OF
21 IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAM FOR THE REMOVAL OF VEGETATIVE NATURAL PRODUCTS FOR
22 THE PURPOSE OF FIRE SUPPRESSION AND FOREST MANAGEMENT ON STATE LANDS. AN
23 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH MUST
24 STATE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH PARTY WITH REGARD TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
25 PROGRAM FOR THE REMOVAL OF VEGETATIVE NATURAL PRODUCTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF
26 FIRE SUPPRESSION AND FOREST MANAGEMENT ON STATE LANDS.

27 C. THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ENDS ON JULY 1,
28 2024 PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-3102.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 23, 2014.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 24, 2014.