

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 262 (HB 230)

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Prior law created the La. Aquatic Chelonian Research and Promotion Bd. (board), provided for its purpose and powers, as well as the composition of the board and its officers, authorized the board to assess a fee on all aquatic chelonians produced in La., created a process for refunds, established a fund within the La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) for the deposit and disbursement of fees and other monies received under prior law for paying the costs related to the promotion of research, advertising, and marketing of aquatic chelonians, and provided for offenses and penalties.

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law placed the board within the LDAF.

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New law transfers any monies received under prior law to the La. Agricultural Finance Authority to fund all costs related to a campaign for expanding research related to aquatic chelonians, improving the quality and variety of La. aquatic chelonians through research, and increasing sales of La. aquatic chelonians through advertising and marketing.

Prior law required the board to employ a director and assistant director in unclassified service positions under the supervision of the commissioner of agriculture and forestry.

New law transfers the prior law positions to the aquacultural development program established by law under the LDAF.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 14, 2021).

(Repeals R.S. 3:559.21-559.29 and R.S. 36:629(Q))