

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law required that all unexpended and unencumbered monies in the Pesticide Fund be returned to the state general fund at the end of each fiscal year.

New law requires that unexpended and unencumbered monies in the Pesticide Fund remain in the state general fund.

Existing law prohibits any person without proper certification from applying or supervising the application of restricted use pesticides as commercial applicators. Requires that certification be issued only after an applicant passes an examination and that this certification be renewed every three years. Prior law required the commissioner to establish certification standards and provided for the issuance of annual certification cards.

New law changes the issuance of certification cards from annually to every three years to coincide with the certification renewal period.

Existing law prohibits the sale or supervision of the sale of restricted use pesticides as a pesticide salesperson unless one is properly certified. Requires that certification be issued only after an applicant passes an examination and be renewed every three years. Prior law required the commissioner to provide for the issuance of annual certification cards.

New law changes the issuance of certification cards from annually to every three years to coincide with the certification renewal period.

Existing law prohibits any person from being employed as an agricultural consultant unless that person has proper certification. Further requires that certification be issued only after an applicant passes an examination and be renewed every three years. Prior law required the commissioner to provide for the issuance of annual certification cards.

New law changes the issuance of certification cards from annually to every three years to coincide with the certification renewal period.

Prior law required a fee of \$20 for the issuance of annual certification cards and excluded private applicators from this requirement.

New law increases the fee from \$20 to \$60 and changes the reference from annual certification cards to triennial certification cards.

(Amends R.S. 3:3210(B), 3242(A), 3244, 3246(A), and 3251(B)(4))