

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 169

2018 Regular Session

Thompson

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES. Provides for seed testing and labeling.
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SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Adds specific reference to exceptions in the Public Records Law.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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Present law defines "noxious weeds" as weeds that are highly destructive and difficult to control by good cultural practices and the use of herbicides.

Proposed law instead defines "noxious weeds" as weeds that are injurious to the environment, agricultural fields, lawns, or gardens and difficult to control by good cultural practices and the use of herbicides.

Present law defines "prohibited noxious weed seeds" as any weed seeds that are prohibited from being present in agricultural, vegetable, flower, tree, or shrub seed.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law authorizes the commissioner to make purity and germination tests of seeds for persons upon request.

Proposed law retains present law and further authorizes the commissioner to make additional tests of seeds for persons upon request.

Present law provides that test analyses are for the information of the person requesting the test only.

Proposed law clarifies that test analyses are confidential and made available only to the requestor, unless otherwise specifically authorized by the requestor.

Present law provides that the test analyses shall not be made the basis of the guaranteed analysis of the seeds required by present law.

Proposed law deletes present law.

Present law requires vegetable seeds in containers of one pound or less to be labeled with the calendar month and year of the germination test.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that containers of one pound or less may alternatively be labeled with the year for which the seeds were packed for sale.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 3:1431(19), 1435(5), 1436(4)(d) and (5)(e), and 1444(10) and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(1); Repeals R.S. 3:1431(23))

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