

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 596

2019 Regular Session

Stefanski

TAX/SALES-USE-EXEMPT: Defines a commercial farmer for purposes of certain sales and use tax exemptions

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Remove the requirement in proposed law that a landowner be a party to a joint venture in order to qualify as a commercial farmer.
2. Change the documentation a landowner must submit to the Dept. of Revenue from submission of documentation of the joint venture or a report of farm income and expenses, including proof of lease to submission of documentation showing active participation in the farming operation or a report of farm income and expenses on a federal tax form.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides for sales and use exemptions and exclusions for certain agricultural inputs for commercial farmers who produce food or commodities at a profit and file their farm income and expenses on federal tax forms.

Proposed law retains present law and expands the definition of commercial farmer to include a qualified landowner who leases land to a commercial farmer, as defined by present law.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the Dept. of Revenue to make a determination of whether a landowner qualifies as a commercial farmer. The determination shall be based on the submission of documentation by the landowner showing active participation in the farming operation or a report of farm income and expenses on a federal tax form.

Effective July 1, 2019

(Amends R.S. 47:301(30))