

Present law requires a commercial seafood plant or distributor to obtain an annual commercial seafood permit to operate in the state. The permit partially supports the inspection, monitoring, sampling, and testing of seafood. The amount of the fee is determined by the annual gross revenue of the plant or distributor.

Present law provides that a holder of a commercial seafood permit who sells imported seafood will be assessed an imported seafood safety fee of \$100 annually.

Proposed law changes present law and provides that a holder of commercial seafood permit who processes or distributes imported seafood shall be assessed an imported seafood safety fee equal to 0.1% of the gross revenue of a processor or distributor.

(Amends R.S. 40:31.35(C))