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Present law establishes the Imported Seafood Safety Fund for the purpose of sampling, testing, and monitoring raw seafood products of foreign origin that are imported and stored in Louisiana by commercial seafood permittees.

Proposed law expands the uses of the fund to cover additional responsibilities of the Louisiana Department of Health required by proposed law.

Present law establishes a commercial seafood permit fee for seafood distributors and processing plants.

Proposed law requires that the permit be divided into separate classifications for processors and distributors and for processors that process either imported or domestic seafood.

Proposed law places additional requirements on the processors and distributors relative to testing, documentation, and labeling.

Proposed law requires the Louisiana Department of Health to ensure compliance and impose fines for violations of proposed law.

Proposed law establishes definitions for terms used in present law and proposed law.

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

(Amends R.S. 40:5.10.1 and 31.35(A)(intro para) and 31.35(B); adds R.S. 40:31.35.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Removes provisions relative to the commercial seafood permit fee.
2. Makes technical changes.