

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Domangue

Existing law requires commercial seafood processors and distributors to obtain an annual commercial seafood permit to operate in the state.

Prior law required the La. Dept. of Health to charge and collect an additional \$100 imported seafood safety fee from commercial seafood permit holders that sold imported seafood.

New law requires the La. Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to charge and collect the imported seafood safety fee and increases the fee from \$100 to \$300 for the 2025 calendar year, \$500 for the 2026 calendar year, \$750 for the 2027 calendar year, and \$1,000 for each year thereafter.

New law clarifies that the imported seafood safety fee is an annual fee.

New law further clarifies that the imported seafood safety fee must be paid by commercial seafood permit holders who "process or distribute" imported seafood, rather than those that "sell" imported seafood, for consistency throughout the statute.

Prior law required that all imported seafood safety fees be used for the purposes described in R.S. 40:5.10.1, which is the statute creating the Imported Seafood Safety Fund.

New law removes the citation for the fund and instead states expressly that the imported seafood safety fees be deposited into the Imported Seafood Safety Fund.

Effective August 1, 2024.

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