

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 857

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SEAFOOD: Provides for labeling of commingled imported and domestic seafood

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:4749.2(B)(introductory paragraph) and (1) and

3 (D)(introductory paragraph), relative to imported seafood; to require labeling of

4 commingled seafood; to provide penalties for commingled seafood labeled as

5 domestic; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 3:4749.2(B)(introductory paragraph) and (1) and (D)(introductory

8 paragraph) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §4749.2. Imported seafood; testing; penalties

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11 B. ~~Upon request of the department, the~~ The processor or distributor shall:

12 (1) Provide any information, if available, on whether the seafood has

13 previously been tested in the country of origin or upon arrival in the United States

14 upon request of the department.

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16 D. If the department has reason to believe a commercial seafood processor

17 or distributor is processing or distributing imported or commingled seafood packed

18 or labeled as domestic seafood, the department may test the seafood to ensure the

1 seafood is domestic. If the seafood is not domestic, the department may assess the
2 following civil penalties on the commercial seafood processor or distributor:

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires labeling of imported and commingled seafood and provides penalties for commingled seafood labeled as domestic.

Present law requires processors and distributors provide seafood testing information, label imported and commingled seafood clearly, provide information deemed necessary by the dept. upon request of the dept.

Proposed law clarifies that upon request of the dept. only applies to the provision of certain seafood testing information.

Present law provides for penalties for imported seafood that is labeled as domestic seafood.

Proposed law adds penalties for commingled seafood labeled as domestic.

(Amends R.S. 3:4749.2(B)(intro. para.) and (1) and (D)(intro. para.))