

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 505

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHANCE HENRY

PESTICIDES/HERBICIDES: Provides relative to the issuance of certification cards for commercial applicators, pesticide salespersons, and agricultural consultants

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:3210(B), 3242(A), 3244, 3246(A), and 3251(B)(4), relative to
3 the Louisiana Pesticide Law; to provide for the disposition of unexpended and
4 unencumbered monies in the Pesticide Fund; to provide for the issuance of
5 certification cards for commercial applicators, pesticide salespersons, and
6 agricultural consultants; to provide for the renewal of such certificates; to provide
7 for fees for certain licenses and certificates issued or reissued by the commissioner;
8 and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 3:3210(B), 3242(A), 3244, 3246(A), and 3251(B)(4) are hereby
11 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §3210. Pesticide Fund

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14 B. After compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of
15 the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund,
16 and prior to monies being placed in the state general fund, an amount equal to that
17 deposited as required by Subsection A ~~hereof~~ of this Section shall be credited to a
18 special fund hereby created in the state treasury to be known as the "Pesticide Fund".

19 The monies in this fund shall be used solely as provided in Subsection C ~~hereof~~ of
20 this Section and only in the amounts appropriated by the legislature. All unexpended

1 and unencumbered monies in this fund at the end of the fiscal year shall ~~be returned~~
2 ~~to the state general~~ remain in the fund. The monies in this fund shall be invested by
3 the state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund, and
4 interest earned on the investment of these monies shall be credited to the state
5 general fund.

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7 §3242. Certification of commercial applicators

8 A. No person shall apply or supervise the application of any restricted use
9 pesticide as a commercial applicator unless that person has the proper certification.
10 Certification shall be issued only after the applicant has satisfactorily passed an
11 examination. The commissioner shall establish categories and subcategories for
12 certification in different areas of commercial application and shall establish specific
13 standards for each category and subcategory. Certification shall be valid for three
14 years and shall be renewed in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner.
15 The commissioner by rule shall provide for the issuance of ~~annual~~ certification cards
16 every three years to coincide with the certification renewal period. Commercial
17 applicators may supervise the ground application of restricted use pesticides within
18 the commercial applicator's certification by competent uncertified individuals who
19 are under the direct supervision of the commercial applicator. Commercial
20 applicators shall not supervise the aerial application of any pesticide by any
21 uncertified person.

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23 §3244. Certification of pesticide salespersons

24 No person shall sell or supervise the sale of restricted use pesticides as a
25 pesticide salesperson unless that person has the proper certification. Certification
26 shall be issued only after the applicant has satisfactorily passed an examination.
27 Certification shall be valid for three years and shall be renewed in accordance with
28 rules adopted by the commissioner. The commissioner by rule shall provide for the
29 issuance of ~~annual~~ certification cards every three years to coincide with the

Proposed law modifies present law by requiring all unexpended and unencumbered monies in the Pesticide Fund remain in the fund at the end of each fiscal year.

Present law prohibits any person without proper certification from applying or supervising the application of restricted use pesticides as commercial applicators. Requires that certification be issued only after an applicant passes an examination and that this certification be renewed every three years. Further requires the commissioner to establish certification standards and provides for the issuance of annual certification cards. Additionally, authorizes commercial applicators to supervise ground applications by competent uncertified individuals under their direct supervision.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the issuance of certification cards from annually to every three years to coincide with the certification renewal period.

Present law prohibits the sale or supervision of the sale of restricted use pesticides as a pesticide salesperson unless one is properly certified. Requires that certification be issued only after an applicant passes an examination and be renewed every three years. Further requires the commissioner to provide for the issuance of annual certification cards. Additionally, authorizes pesticide salespersons to supervise the sale of restricted use pesticides by competent uncertified individuals under their direct supervision.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the issuance of certification cards from annually to every three years to coincide with the certification renewal period.

Present law prohibits any person from being employed as an agricultural consultant unless that person has proper certification. Further requires that certification be issued only after an applicant passes an examination and be renewed every three years. Additionally, requires the commissioner to provide for the issuance of annual certification cards.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the issuance of certification cards from annually to every three years to coincide with the certification renewal period.

Present law requires a fee of \$20 for issuing annual certification cards and excludes private applicators from this requirement.

Proposed law modifies present law by increasing the fee from \$20 to \$60 and changing the reference from annual certification cards to triennial certification cards.

(Amends R.S. 3:3210(B), 3242(A), 3244, 3246(A), and 3251(B)(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill:

1. Require that all unexpended and unencumbered monies in the Pesticide Fund remain in the fund at the end of each fiscal year instead of being returned to the state general fund.
2. Make technical changes.