

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 725

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE

SEAFOOD: Requires retailers to retain invoices from imported seafood vendors for six months

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 3:4749.4, relative to records for seafood purchases; to require retailers who  
3 purchase seafood to retain the records of purchases for at least six months; to require  
4 purchase records be made available for inspection by the department; to prohibit  
5 false or fraudulent records; to provide for civil penalties; and to provide for related  
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 3:4749.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §4749.4. Retailers; records

10 A. Records of all purchases of seafood by retailers shall be maintained for  
11 at least six months from the date the seafood was purchased. The records of  
12 purchases shall be available for inspection by the department.

13 B. Failing to maintain records or knowingly creating or submitting false or  
14 fraudulent purchase records shall constitute a violation of this Section and shall be  
15 subject to such civil penalties as the commissioner deems necessary.

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DIGEST

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HB 725 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Requires retailers who purchase seafood to retain the records of purchases for at least six months and to make the records available for inspection. Further prohibits false or fraudulent records and provides for penalties.

Present law provides policies for testing and inspecting all seafood sold in the state.

Proposed law requires any retailer who purchases seafood to retain the purchase records and to make them available to the department for inspection.

Proposed law provides for a violation subject to civil penalties for failing to retain records or knowingly providing false or fraudulent purchase records.

(Adds R.S. 3:4749.4)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Make technical changes.