
DIGEST

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HB 505 Engrossed

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Abstract: Modifies the issuance of certification cards for commercial pesticide applicators, pesticide salespersons, and agricultural consultants to coincide with the certification renewal periods and increases the fee for certification card renewals. Further modifies the disposition of unexpended and unencumbered monies in the Pesticide Fund.

Present law requires that all unexpended and unencumbered monies in the Pesticide Fund be returned to the state general fund at the end of each fiscal year.

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.