

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Domangue

Existing law provides for the creation of the Seafood Safety Task Force whose purpose is to serve as the state panel of experts focused on ensuring the safety of seafood processed, distributed, purchased, and consumed in La. and to provide education and awareness to consumers of the health risks associated with imported seafood. Specifies that the task force must also make recommendations on the utilization of money in the Imported Seafood Safety Fund for testing imported seafood.

Existing law provides for the composition of the task force, which includes appointees by relevant legislative committees and government agencies, the chancellor of La. State University, statewide associations and boards, as well as a public health nutritionist.

New law adds representatives from the oyster industry appointed by the Oyster Task Force, crab industry appointed by the Crab Task Force, finfish industry appointed by the La. Finfish Task Force, and the crawfish industry to the task force.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 40:5.5.3(D)(15)-(18))