

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 92

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

ANIMALS. Provides relative to the authority of the state entomologist. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:1654(B), relative to the authority of the state entomologist; to expand the state entomologist's authority over certain properties; to provide relative to the powers of the state entomologist for the treatment or extermination of pest or disease; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 3:1654(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1654. Listing dangerous pests and diseases; bulletins; measures authorized in preventing spread of pest or disease; obstructing preventive measures

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B. When the entomologist suspects that any pest or plant disease, listed by him as dangerous, exists in any part of the state, he shall verify such suspicion and, if it be well-founded, said entomologist shall take immediate charge of infested or infected property **or surrounding property** and ~~adopt~~ **take** such measures for the treatment or extermination of pest or disease as he may deem advisable.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not

1 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
2 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
3 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
4 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Curry Johnson.

DIGEST

Thompson (SB 92)

Present law requires the state entomologist to take immediate charge of infested or infected property which he suspects to be dangerous and adopt such measures for the treatment or extermination of pest or disease as he may deem advisable.

Proposed law retains present law and expands the authority of the state entomologist to the surrounding properties of infested or infected property.

Proposed law clarifies the authority of the state entomologist to take rather than adopt certain measures.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 3:1654(B))