

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1056

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAMBERT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:556.6(A) and (B) and 556.14(A) and (H) and to repeal R.S.
3 3:556.3(D), 556.7, and 556.14(B), (C), (E), (F), and (G), relative to the Louisiana
4 Crawfish Promotion and Research Board; to provide for the levy of certain
5 assessments on artificial crawfish bait, crawfish tail meat, and bags for the packaging
6 of live crawfish; to repeal the term of appointment for board members; to repeal
7 authority for referenda for assessment purposes; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 3:556.6(A) and (B) and 556.14(A) and (H) are hereby amended and
10 reenacted to read as follows:

11 §556.6. Assessments

12 A. ~~Subject to all of the provisions of this Part, including the provisions~~
13 ~~relating to referenda and refunds, there~~ There is hereby levied and imposed an
14 assessment of one-quarter of one cent per pound on all artificial crawfish bait sold
15 in this state. The assessment shall be ultimately paid by the crawfish farmers and
16 harvesters who purchase the artificial bait.

17 B. ~~Subject to all of the provisions of this Part, including the provisions~~
18 ~~relating to referenda and refunds, there~~ There is hereby levied and imposed an
19 assessment on each bag used to package live crawfish in the amount of one cent for
20 each bag holding less than twenty-five pounds of crawfish, and two cents for each
21 bag holding twenty-five pounds or more of crawfish. The assessment shall
22 ultimately be paid by the crawfish farmers and harvesters who purchase the bags.

23 ~~If the assessment levied and imposed by this Subsection is approved in a referendum,~~

1 ~~the initial assessment shall expire at the same time as the initial assessment levied~~
2 ~~and imposed by Subsection A of this Section.~~

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4 §556.14. Assessments on crawfish tails

5 A. An assessment of one cent per pound is hereby levied on all crawfish tail
6 meat sold in this state ~~if the assessment is approved in a referendum vote by a~~
7 ~~majority of crawfish tail meat producers called by the board for that purpose.~~

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9 H. The assessment, ~~if approved~~, shall be collected and paid at the first point
10 of sale in Louisiana by the producer or distributor doing business in Louisiana and
11 remitted to the department on or before the fifteenth day after the close of each
12 quarter.

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14 Section 2. R.S. 3:556.3(D), 556.7, and 556.14(B), (C), (E), (F), and (G) are hereby
15 repealed in their entirety.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____