

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 310****2015 Regular Session****Mack**

AGRICULTURE: Provides relative to the regulation of seed dealers

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Adds out-of-state distributor to the list of persons who have to register with the commissioner as a seed dealer.
2. Make technical changes.
3. Specifies that any person with agricultural, vegetable, or flower seed or other propagating stock of one pound or more in weight within Louisiana must register with the commissioner as a seed dealer.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law requires every person, except certain parties exempt in present law, who sells, distributes, offers, or handles for sale agricultural, vegetable, or flower seeds or other propagating stock of one pound or more in weight to register with the commissioner as a seed dealer. Proposed law modifies present law by making the registration process applicable to persons who label, sell, offer, or handle for sale in or distribute to La., agricultural, vegetable, or flower seeds or other propagating stock of one pound or more in weight within La. Expands the exception in present law to out-of-state distributors.

Present law authorizes the commissioner to establish by rule, adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), a seed dealer license fee up to \$100 per license. Proposed law increases the fee range from up to \$100 to up to \$200 per license.

Present law authorizes the commission to establish by rule, adopted in accordance with the APA, a regulatory fee on all seeds sold in La. up to .20¢ per 100 pounds of seed. Proposed law increases the fee range from up to .20¢ to up to .30¢ per 100 pounds of seed.

(Amends R.S. 3:1437 and 1448)