

ACT No. 318

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 310

BY REPRESENTATIVE MACK

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:1437 and 1448, relative to fees for the seed industry; to increase seed dealer license and regulatory fees; to modify who is subject to register as a seed dealer; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 3:1437 and 1448 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1437. Registration of seed dealers

A. Every person, except persons exempt by R.S. 3:1445, including an out-of-state distributor, who labels, sells, ~~distributes~~, or offers, or handles for sale in or distributes for sale in Louisiana, agricultural, vegetable, or flower seeds or other propagating stock of one pound or more in weight within Louisiana shall register with the commissioner as a seed dealer. Every seed dealer shall register the number and location of each place of business at which the seeds are labeled, sold, distributed, or offered or handled for sale. The commissioner shall issue to the registered seed dealer a license to engage in the business.

B. The commissioner shall issue a license on an annual basis with licenses expiring on the first day of July of each year following the issuance date. The commissioner shall establish the fee for the license. The fee shall be established by rule adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. The amount of the fee shall not exceed ~~one~~ two hundred dollars.

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1 §1448. Regulatory fee

2 The commission may charge a regulatory fee on all seeds sold in Louisiana.

3 The fee shall be established by rule adopted in accordance with the Administrative

4 Procedure Act. The proceeds of the fee shall be used to defray the costs of

5 regulating the seed industry in Louisiana. The fee shall be collected at the first point

6 of sale in Louisiana. The amount of the fee shall be based on the cost of regulating

7 the seed industry and shall not exceed ~~twenty~~ thirty cents per one hundred pounds

8 of seed.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____