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DIGEST

SB 169 Reengrossed

2018 Regular Session

Thompson

Present law defines "noxious weeds" as weeds that are highly destructive and difficult to control by good cultural practices and the use of herbicides.

Proposed law defines "noxious weeds" as weeds that are injurious to the environment, agricultural fields, lawns, or gardens and difficult to control by good cultural practices and the use of herbicides.

Present law defines "prohibited noxious weed seeds" as any weed seeds that are prohibited from being present in agricultural, vegetable, flower, tree, or shrub seed.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law authorizes the commissioner to make purity and germination tests of seeds for persons upon request.

Proposed law retains present law and further authorizes the commissioner to make additional tests of seeds for persons upon request.

Present law provides that test analyses are for the information of the person requesting the test only and such testing is not the basis of the guaranteed analysis of the seeds required by present law.

Proposed law clarifies that test analyses are confidential and made available only to the requestor, unless otherwise specifically authorized by the requestor. To prevent duplicate testing, proposed law removes provision providing that such testing is not the basis of the guaranteed analysis of the seeds required by present law.

Present law requires vegetable seeds in containers of one pound or less to be labeled with the calendar month and year of the germination test.

Proposed law requires vegetable seeds in containers of one pound or less to be labeled with the calendar month and year of the germination test or the year for which the seeds were packed for sale.

Proposed law provides for technical corrections.

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

(Amends R.S. 3:1431(19), 1435(5), 1436(4)(d) and (5)(e), and 1444(10); repeals R.S. 3:1431(23))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry,  
Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill

1. Requires vegetable seeds in containers of one pound or less to be labeled with the calendar month and year of the germination test or the year for which the seeds were packed for sale.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes legislative bureau technical change.