

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 337

BY SENATOR RISER

AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES. Provides for an exemption to the Louisiana Weights and Measures Law. (8/1/18)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 3:4623(C), relative to the Louisiana Weights and Measures Law; to provide  
3 relative to the sale of shelled field corn; to exempt the sale of shelled field corn from  
4 the Louisiana Weights and Measures Law under certain conditions; and to provide  
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 3:4623(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §4623. Exemption from Chapter

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10 **C. This Chapter does not apply to the sale of shelled field corn if the net**  
11 **weight of the shelled field corn is verified by a National Type Evaluation**  
12 **Program (NTEP) certified scale prior to distribution of the shelled field corn.**

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The original instrument was prepared by Curry J. Lann. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Linda Nugent.

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DIGEST

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Present law (R.S. 3:4601 et sq.) provides for the Louisiana Weights and Measures Law,

which sets the standards and requirements for the sale of all agriculture commodities. Further requires the Department of Agriculture and Forestry to supervise the weights, measures, and weighing and measuring devices offered for sale, sold, and used in the state.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law exempts the sale of shelled field corn from the Louisiana Weights and Measures Law if the net weight of the shelled field corn is verified by a National Type Evaluation Program (NTEP) certified scale prior to distribution of the corn.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Adds R.S. 3:4623(C))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Removes the requirement that the exemption apply only to the sale of shelled field corn made directly from a producer to a purchaser.
2. Removes the requirement that the shelled field corn be measured from a timed distribution device.
3. Removes the requirement that the net weight of the shelled field corn be verified by an NTEP certified floor scale prior to purchase.
4. Exempts the sale of shelled field corn from the Louisiana Weights and Measures Law if the net weight of the shelled field corn is verified by an NTEP certified scale prior to distribution of the corn.

##### Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Legislative Bureau technical amendment to require that the net weight of the shelled field corn be verified by an NTEP certified floor scale prior to purchase.