

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 362 (SB 169)**

**2018 Regular Session**

**Thompson**

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

New law instead 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.

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

New law repeals prior law.

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

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

Prior law provided that test analyses are for the information of the person requesting the test only.

New law clarifies that test analyses are confidential and made available only to the requestor, unless otherwise specifically authorized by the requestor.

Prior law provided that the test analyses shall not be made the basis of the guaranteed analysis of the seeds required by prior law.

New law deletes prior law.

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

New law retains prior law but provides that containers of one pound or less may alternatively be labeled with the year for which the seeds were packed for sale.

Effective upon signature of the governor (May 20, 2018).

(Amends R.S. 3:1431(19), 1435(5), 1436(4)(d) and (5)(e), and 1444(10) and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(1); Repeals R.S. 3:1431(23))