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Present law (R.S. 3:1613) provides for a voluntary assessment on cotton producers to offset the cost of boll weevil suppression or eradication programs, including but not limited to all costs of any regulatory and enforcement activities of the department.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law (R.S. 3:1615) creates the Boll Weevil Eradication Fund within the state treasury and provides for the disposition of all assessments, fees, penalties, and other funds.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law provides that any monies remaining in the Boll Weevil Eradication Fund shall be transferred to the Horticulture and Quarantine Fund. Further provides that all fees, penalties, and other funds received pursuant to present law shall be deposited into the Horticulture and Quarantine Fund.

Present law (R.S. 3:1616) subjects cotton producers to a per acre penalty for failure to pay assessments levied under present law.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law (R.S. 3:1617) requires the commissioner to place a lien on cotton, or its proceeds, for the payment of assessments and further authorizes the commissioner to issue executions for the collections of such assessments.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law removes all references to assessments in present law and provides for technical corrections.

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

(Amends R.S. 3:1604(A)(4), 1604.1(B)(7), 1609(C) and (D), and 1612(A); adds R.S. 3:1612.1; repeals R.S. 3:1603(2), 1604.1(A)(6) and (7) and (B)(3) and (4), 1613-1617)