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2019 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 55

BY SENATOR RISER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES. Provides for an exemption to the Louisiana Weights and Measures Law. (8/1/19)

AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 3:4623(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§4623. Exemption from Chapter

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C. This Chapter does not apply to the sale of **an aggregate of twenty thousand bushels or less per year of** shelled field corn **made directly from a producer to a purchaser. The sale of an aggregate of more than twenty thousand bushels per year of shelled field corn may be made** 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 shelled field corn.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Curry Lann.

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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.

Present law (R.S. 3:4623(C)) 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 shelled field corn.

Proposed law exempts the sale of an aggregate of twenty thousand bushels or less per year of shelled field corn made directly from a producer to a purchaser from the Louisiana Weights and Measures Law.

Proposed law exempts the sale of an aggregate of more than twenty thousand bushels per year of shelled field corn 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 shelled field corn.

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Amends 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. Provides for exemptions to the Louisiana Weights and Measures Law based upon the volume of shelled field corn sold.

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