

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 185 (SB 40)

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Thompson

Prior law (R.S. 3:1613) provided 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.

New law repeals prior law.

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

New law repeals prior law.

New 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 prior law shall be deposited into the Horticulture and Quarantine Fund.

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

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law (R.S. 3:1617) required 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.

New law repeals prior law.

New law removes all references to assessments in prior law and provides for technical corrections.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 11, 2019).

(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)