

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 327

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

AGRICULTURE/SOYBEANS: Provides relative to the assessment levied on soybeans grown in the state

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:3553(A), relative to the levy of a soybean assessment; to  
3 provide relative to the imposition of a state assessment in connection with the federal  
4 soybean assessment; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 3:3553(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §3553. Levy of assessment; collection; enforcement; refund

8 A.(1) There is imposed and levied an assessment at the rate of one cent per  
9 bushel on all soybeans grown within the state, this assessment to be deducted from  
10 the amount paid the producer at the first point of sale, whether within or without the  
11 state.

12 (2) No assessment for soybeans shall be imposed and levied in accordance  
13 with this Subsection while a national assessment for soybeans established pursuant  
14 to 7 CFR 1220.223 remains in effect. The assessment on soybeans shall be imposed  
15 and levied in accordance with this Subsection upon the suspension or termination of  
16 the national assessment for soybeans established pursuant to 7 CFR 1220.223.

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18 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
19 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
20 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
2 effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for the suspension of a state assessment on soybeans while the imposition of a similar federal assessment remains in place.

Present law imposes and levies an assessment on all soybeans grown within the state.

Proposed law prohibits the state from imposing and levying the assessment established in present law while a similar national assessment established under federal law remains in effect. Proposed law also requires the state to impose and levy the state assessment upon the suspension or termination of the national assessment established under federal law.

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

(Amends R.S. 3:3553(A))