

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HCR 134****2023 Regular Session****Kerner**

SEAFOOD: Creates the Imported Seafood Safety Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the funding and enforcement of imported seafood regulations

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Adds representatives from the Louisiana Restaurant Association, the Louisiana Retailers Association, and the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board to the task force.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Creates the Imported Seafood Safety Task Force to study and make recommendations to the Legislature regarding who should pay for the cost of testing imported seafood, what a fair fee would be for commercial distributors of imported seafood in Louisiana, and what enforcement mechanisms should be in place for the Louisiana Department of Health to be able to effectively carry out its mandate.

Provides that the Imported Seafood Safety Task Force shall be composed of the following members:

- (1) The secretary of the La. Dept. of Health or his designee.
- (2) The secretary of the La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries or his designee.
- (3) One member appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) One member appointed by the president of the Senate.
- (5) A representative of commercial fisherman, appointed by the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries.
- (6) A representative of the Shrimp Task Force.
- (7) A representative of the Louisiana Restaurant Association.
- (8) A representative of the Louisiana Retailers Association.
- (9) A representative of the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board.

Requires a written report be submitted by the task force to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment prior to the 2024 R.S.