

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 748

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE AND SENATOR FESI

SEAFOOD: Provides relative to imported seafood safety fees

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:31.35(C), relative to the fee for a commercial seafood permit;

3 to modify fees assessed to commercial seafood plants and distributors; and to

4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:31.35(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §31.35. Commercial seafood permit fee

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9 C. ~~The~~ In addition to the fee provided for in Subsection A of this Section, the

10 department shall charge and collect an imported seafood safety fee ~~of one hundred~~

11 ~~dollars annually~~ from each holder of a commercial seafood permit fee who ~~sells~~

12 processes or distributes imported seafood. The fee shall be equal to one-tenth of a

13 percent of the gross revenue of the processor or distributor annually. The proceeds

14 of such fee shall be used for the purposes described in R.S. 40:5.10.1.

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DIGEST

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HB 748 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Modifies the imported seafood safety fee assessed to commercial seafood processors and distributors.

Present law requires a commercial seafood plant or distributor to obtain an annual commercial seafood permit to operate in the state. The permit partially supports the inspection, monitoring, sampling, and testing of seafood. The amount of the fee is determined by the annual gross revenue of the plant or distributor.

Present law provides that a holder of a commercial seafood permit who sells imported seafood will be assessed an imported seafood safety fee of \$100 annually.

Proposed law changes present law and provides that a holder of commercial seafood permit who processes or distributes imported seafood shall be assessed an imported seafood safety fee equal to 0.1% of the gross revenue of a processor or distributor.

(Amends R.S. 40:31.35(C))