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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 62** SLS 24RS 6

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Seafood Safety	

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Provides relative to seafood safety. (gov sig)

Proposed law renames the Imported Seafood Safety Fund to the Seafood Safety Fund and expands its uses to include inspections of processors and distributors to ensure compliance with permit requirements. Proposed law expands the Seafood Safety Fund to include all commercial seafood permit fees rather than just the imported seafood safety fee. Proposed law alters the current commercial seafood permit by separating it into domestic, imported, and distributor permits. Present law provides for a \$100 fee to any holder of a commercial seafood permit fee who *sells* imported seafood. Proposed law assesses this fee to permit holders who *process* imported seafood. Proposed law provides requirements for these permits with respect to testing, verifications, inspections and penalties. Proposed law provides for circumstances in which seafood may be tested by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and that costs to the LDH for testing seafood shall be paid by seafood processors. Proposed law empowers the LDH to impose fines and/or revoke any commercial seafood permit for noncompliance with the provisions of proposed law. Effective upon governor's signature.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Ded./Other	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will reclassify commercial seafood permit fee and shellfish transplanting permit fee revenues as statutory dedications by depositing them into the Seafood Safety Fund; however, it is unclear whether doing so will result in any aggregate change in expenditures by Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). Proposed law may result in an increase in self-generated revenue expenditures by the LDH to conduct testing of the chemical composition of seafood. Costs for this testing will be paid by seafood processors.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will reclassify commercial seafood permit fee and shellfish transplanting permit fee revenues as statutory dedications by depositing them into the Seafood Safety Fund. Proposed law may further change the amount of statutory dedications revenues deposited into the Seafood Safety Fund by assessing the \$100 imported seafood safety fee to commercial seafood permit holders who *process* imported seafood, rather than permit holders who *sell* imported seafood. It is unclear how many permit holders *process* imported seafood. For informational purposes, there are approximately 350 total commercial seafood permit holders.

Proposed law may increase self-generated revenues to the LDH through the collections of fines for violations of the proposed law. These fines are not more than:

- \$5,000 for the first offense
- \$10,000 for the second offense
- \$15,000 for the third offense

Proposed law may also increase self-generated revenues to the LDH through the collection from seafood processors of costs for any seafood testing done by the LDH. The amount of revenues collected from fines and testing costs is indeterminable.

Senate
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}


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