

## SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 166

2024 Regular Session

Connick

## KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

PUBLIC HEALTH. Provides relative to seafood safety. (1/1/25)

## SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Adds an additional font requirement for certain seafood product packages.

## DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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Proposed law prohibits potentially misleading packaging and marketing of seafood products as Louisiana products.

Proposed law provides for an exception to the prohibition if the product package meets certain criteria.

Proposed law requires the commissioner of agriculture to ensure compliance and issue fines for violation of proposed law.

Present law requires all state agencies, state institutions, and local school districts that operate food service facilities for students, patients, or inmates to only utilize meat, poultry, and seafood products that have met all Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry requirements for grading and certification.

Proposed law adds that those entities only utilize domestic shrimp or domestic crawfish as defined in proposed law.

Present law establishes a Chinese seafood warning label program.

Proposed law modernizes the warning label program to include all imported seafood.

Proposed law provides definition for "domestic shrimp" and "domestic crawfish".

Present law requires food service establishments that sell or provide cooked or prepared crawfish or shrimp that originate outside of the United States to notify patrons that the seafood is imported or to provide the country of origin for seafood. Present law requires the Louisiana Department of Health to ensure compliance with present law.

Present law prohibits an owner or manager of a restaurant that sells imported crawfish or shrimp from misrepresenting to the public, either verbally, on a menu, or on signs displayed on the premises, that the crawfish or shrimp is domestic. Present law requires the district attorney of the district where the restaurant is located to have jurisdiction over violations.

Proposed law combines the present law provisions and grants enforcement authority of both provisions to the Louisiana Department of Health and increases fines issued by the department.

Proposed law changes the notification requirement to require a disclaimer that imported crawfish or shrimp may be sold at the establishment to be printed on a menu or placed on a sign displayed at the front of the establishment.

Proposed law provides additional notification requirements for food establishments that sell unpackaged crawfish or shrimp.

Proposed law requires the Louisiana Department of Health to establish a reporting mechanism for members of the public to report suspected violations and provides for limitations on liability for individuals who report.

Proposed law repeals provisions in the Sanitary Code relative to Chinese seafood.

Effective January 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 39:2101 and R.S. 40:5.5.2 and 5.5.4; adds R.S. 3:4706; repeals R.S. 40:4(A)(1)(b) and R.S. 56:578.14)

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