

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 62

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KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

PUBLIC HEALTH. Provides relative to seafood safety. (gov sig)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Reinstates provisions in present law relative to the deposit of monies collected from the imported seafood safety fee.
2. Provides that all seafood distributors and processors obtain a commercial seafood permit from the Louisiana Department of Health.
3. Makes technical changes.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

DIGEST

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Present law establishes a commercial seafood permit fee for seafood distributors and processing plants.

Proposed law requires that the commercial seafood permit be divided into separate classifications for domestic commercial seafood processors, imported commercial seafood processors, and commercial seafood distributors.

Present law requires all commercial seafood processors and distributors that process or distribute imported seafood to pay an additional imported seafood safety fee, which is deposited into the Imported Seafood Safety Fund.

Present law establishes the Imported Seafood Safety Fund for the purpose providing funding to the Dept. of Health (LDH) for sampling, testing, and monitoring raw seafood products of foreign origin that are imported and stored in Louisiana by commercial seafood permittees.

Proposed law changes the entity that collects the imported seafood safety fee from LDH to the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (CRT) and changes the entity authorized to use the Imported Seafood Safety Fund for sampling and testing of imported seafood from LDH to CRT.

Proposed law authorizes CRT to test seafood as recommended by the Seafood Safety Task Force and in accordance with proposed law.

Proposed law requires CRT to contract with the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry to sample, analyze, and test the seafood.

Proposed law authorizes CRT to collect information from commercial seafood permit holders who distribute or process imported seafood and assess fines for imported seafood that does not meet testing standards and for imported seafood that is packed or labeled as domestic and requires CRT report certain violations to the LDH.

Proposed law requires the deposit of any fines collected by CRT into the Imported Seafood Safety Fund.

Proposed law establishes definitions for terms used in proposed law.

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

(Amends R.S. 40:5.10.1 and 31.35(A)(intro para) and 31.35(C); adds R.S. 40:31.35.1)

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