

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law provided for the Seafood Safety Task Force to work in conjunction with the state health officer, office of Lt. governor, the La. Seafood Promotion and Marketing Bd., and the La. Restaurant Assoc. to employ a marketing campaign for domestic seafood.

New law replaces the Seafood Safety Task Force with the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry.

Prior law created the Seafood Safety Task Force within the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

New law moves the Seafood Safety Task Force to the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry.

Prior law provided for the money for the Imported Seafood Safety Fund and the commercial seafood permit fee to go to the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

New law transfers the provisions of existing law to the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry.

New law provides for seafood safety by creating regulations and testing requirements for seafood processors and distributors with civil penalties for failure to report or for violating safety provisions of new law and by creating reporting requirements for seafood processors and distributors.

New law provides definitions for "commingled", "department", "distributor", "domestic", "imported", "processor", and "seafood".

New law establishes powers of the commissioner of agriculture to oversee the testing and reporting requirements for seafood safety established by new law.

New law provides authority for the commissioner of agriculture and forestry to administer a marketing program with the La. Seafood Promotion and Marketing Bd.

Prior law provided for testing and regulation for imported seafood by the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law provided for the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry to promulgate emergency rules necessary to implement prior law.

New law repeals prior law.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 11, 2025).

(Amends R.S. 40:5.5.2(B)(2), 5.5.3(A), (B)(intro. para.), and (H), 5.10.1(B), and 31.35(C); Adds R.S. 3:4749 - 4749.3, R.S. 36:624(C) and 629(L)(5); Repeals R.S. 36:204(A)(10) and 209(D)(4), R.S.40:31.35.1, and Section 2 of Act No. 667 of the 2024 R.S.)