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SENATE BILL NO. 184

## BY SENATOR LONG AND REPRESENTATIVE DOVE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

WILDLIFE/FISHERIES DEPT. Provides that the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall have oversight of the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board. (gov sig)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 36:610(E) and 901(A), and R.S. 56:578.2(E), the introductory
3	paragraph of 578.3, and 578.12(A) and the introductory paragraph of (B), and to
4	repeal R.S. 36:802.5, relative to the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing
5	Board; to provide for certain appointive authority retained; to provide for the powers,
6	duties, and functions of the board; to provide relative to the Louisiana Oyster Task
7	Force and Shrimp Task Force; to provide certain terms, conditions and requirements;
8	and to provide for related matters.
9	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
10	Section 1. R.S. 36:610(E) and 901(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
11	follows:
12	§610. Transfer of agencies and functions to Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
13	* * *
14	E. The Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board, R.S. 56:578.1 et
15	seq. is placed within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and shall perform and
16	exercise its duties, powers, functions, and responsibilities as provided for agencies
17	transferred in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 36:802.5 36:901.

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§901. Transfer; merger and consolidation of functions; advisory agency

A. The functions, powers, duties, responsibilities, programs, and operations of each of the agencies transferred by the provisions of R.S. 36:209(C), 259(T), 309(C), 409(E), 610(E), 651(G), and 744(D) on the date of each such transfer shall vest in and thereafter be the responsibility of the secretary of the department to which the transfer is made and shall be administered by the secretary in accordance with the powers vested in him by this Title and the applicable laws pertaining to each agency, except for those functions of each which are required to be performed and administered by the undersecretary of the department as heretofore provided for each by this Title. Each agency thus transferred shall continue in existence, the members thereof shall continue in office and hereafter shall be selected in the manner provided by law for each, and each agency hereafter shall serve solely in an advisory capacity to the secretary with respect to policies concerning matters within the purview of each as originally created.

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Section 2. R.S. 56:578.2(E), the introductory paragraph of 578.3, and 578.12(A) and the introductory paragraph of (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§578.2. Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board; creation and organization

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E. The board may employ a director and assistant director who shall be appointed by the board, subject to the approval of the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. The director and assistant director shall be in the unclassified service **and serve at the pleasure of the secretary**. The secretary may employ such other personnel for the board as he deems necessary and appropriate.

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§578.3. Powers, duties, and functions

The board shall have the following powers, duties, and functions to be

I	exercised in consultation with and subject to the approval of the secretary:
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3	§578.12. Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board; Louisiana Oyster
4	Task Force; Shrimp Task Force; duties, responsibilities, and
5	functions
6	A. Under the supervision of the Louisiana Oyster Task Force, the Louisiana
7	Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board shall be empowered with the following
8	duties, responsibilities, and functions to be exercised in consultation with and
9	subject to the approval of the secretary:
10	(1) To employ such personnel as necessary.
11	(2)(1) To develop markets and marketing strategies for the development of
12	new and expanded markets for Louisiana oysters.
13	(3)(2) To represent the interests of the Louisiana oyster industry before
14	federal and state administrative and legislative bodies on issues of importance to the
15	Louisiana oyster industry.
16	(4)(3) To contract for legal services to represent the interests of the Louisiana
17	oyster industry in judicial, administrative, and legislative proceedings.
18	(5)(4) To administer the funds in the Oyster Development Account of the
19	Seafood Promotion and Marketing Fund.
20	(6)(5) To perform any acts deemed necessary and proper to carry out its
21	duties and responsibilities.
22	B. In addition to the duties, responsibilities, and functions listed in Subsection
23	A of this Section, the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board, under the
24	supervision of the Louisiana Shrimp Task Force, shall also be empowered with the
25	following duties, responsibilities, and functions to be exercised in consultation with
26	and subject to the approval of the secretary:
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28	Section 3. R.S. 36:802.5 is hereby repealed.
29	Section 4. This provisions of this Act shall be applied retroactively.

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Section 5. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by McHenry Lee.

## **DIGEST**

<u>Present law</u> provides for the powers, duties, and functions of the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board and authorizes the board to hire a director and assistant director.

<u>Proposed law</u> transfers the powers, duties, and functions of the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board to the secretary of DWF. Further provides that the board will serve in an advisory capacity to the secretary with respect to policies concerning matters within the purview of the board as originally created.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the director and assistant director serve at the pleasure of the secretary of DWF.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the powers, duties, and functions of the board.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that such powers, duties, and functions shall be exercised in consultation with and subject to the approval of the secretary.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the provisions of this act are retroactive.

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

(Amends R.S. 36:610(E) and 901(A), and 56:578.2(E), 578.3(intro para), and 578.12(A) and (B)(intro para); repeals R.S. 36:802.5)