

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 285

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTOUCET

PEST CONTROL OPERATORS: Provides relative to fees established for certain structural pest control business owners

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:3374(A) and 3375(B), relative to fees paid by structural pest  
3 control business owners; to increase the fees for each standard contract and wood  
4 destroying insect report submitted; to remove the Structural Pest Control  
5 Commission's ability to appoint a committee to recommend research topics; and to  
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 3:3374(A) and 3375(B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read  
9 as follows:

10 §3374. Fees

11 A. Each person who holds a place of business permit shall pay the fees  
12 established in this Subsection for standard contracts and wood destroying insect  
13 reports. Fees shall be paid at the expense of the person who holds the place of  
14 business permit and shall be paid at the time the person files the report required by  
15 R.S. 3:3370(B). The fee for each standard contract reported shall be established by  
16 the commission by rule at ~~not less than five dollars and~~ not more than eight sixteen  
17 dollars. The fee for each wood destroying insect report reported shall be established  
18 by the commission by rule at ~~not less than five dollars and~~ not more than eight  
19 sixteen dollars. When the amount of the fees collected ~~under~~ pursuant to this Section  
20 in any fiscal year equals the amount appropriated for the commission and its

1 programs for that fiscal year, the commission shall allocate the fees collected for  
2 standard contracts and wood destroying insect reports for the remainder of that fiscal  
3 year to the Louisiana State University Experiment Station for the purpose of  
4 structural pest control research.

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6 §3375. Disposition of fees

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8 B. Out of the monies appropriated each year to the commission, the  
9 commission shall allocate at least thirty thousand dollars to the Louisiana State  
10 University Experiment Station for research. The allocation shall be made at least  
11 biannually. ~~The commission shall appoint a committee composed of the~~  
12 ~~commissioner or his designee, the chancellor of the Louisiana State University~~  
13 ~~Agricultural Center or his designee, the director of the Louisiana State University~~  
14 ~~Experiment Station or his designee, the president of the Louisiana Structural Pest~~  
15 ~~Control Association, the executive director of the Louisiana Pest Control~~  
16 ~~Association, and three licensed pest control operators. This committee shall make~~  
17 ~~recommendations to the commission on what research is needed. Committee~~  
18 ~~members shall be appointed for one year.~~ The commission shall determine the areas  
19 in which the research shall be conducted and shall review research progress at an  
20 annual meeting. At the end of each fiscal year, all unexpended funds which were  
21 allocated under the provisions of this Section shall revert to the Structural Pest  
22 Control Commission Fund.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Removes the minimum fee and increases the maximum fee that the Structural Pest Control Commission (commission) may establish for each reported standard contract and each reported wood destroying insect report. Removes the authority to appoint a committee to make recommendations for the type of research needed.

Present law allows the commission to establish a fee for each reported standard contract and each reported wood destroying insect report at not less than \$5 and not more than \$8. Proposed law removes the minimum fee of five dollars and increases the maximum fee to \$16.

Present law allows the commission to appoint a committee to make recommendations on what research committee members should be conducting. Proposed law removes the commission's authority to appoint a committee for the purposes of making recommendations for research.

(Amends R.S. 3:3374(A) and 3375(B))