

Prior law required the commissioner of agriculture and forestry to annually collect and compile for publication and distribution, all statistics and facts relating to the character and resources of this state, to be issued in pamphlet, circular, or other forms.

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law required the commissioner to keep in his office a register of lands for sale in the state, and the names of persons who desire to purchase lands, or to secure employees or employment in Louisiana. Provided that any citizen of Louisiana may register in the office of the commissioner any lands owned by him which are for sale in the state, giving an abstract of titles to the lands with a condensed description. Required the registrant to pay a fee of two dollars to the commissioner for each separate tract or parcel of land registered.

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law further provided that any person desiring to purchase lands, or to secure employees or employment, may register his name, with a statement of his wants, in the office of the commissioner, on the payment of a fee of 50 cents to the commissioner. Required the register of the commissioner to be open to public examination free of charge.

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law required the commissioner to establish the Weather Modification Program within the department, the purpose of which shall be to develop a method or methods of augmenting precipitation to relieve periods of drought in Louisiana. Empowered the commissioner to:

- (1) Plan and conduct a campaign to publicize and promote weather modification.
- (2) Encourage and assist private industry which has the necessary knowledge and experience to develop pilot weather modification projects.
- (3) Initiate, administer, and/or coordinate research and development projects pertaining to weather modification.
- (4) Contract for, receive, accept, and expend any funds made available from sources outside state government.
- (5) Enter into cooperative agreements or contracts with the state or federal government or private industry with respect to any project or projects involving weather modification.

New law repeals prior law.

New law reduces the membership of the La. Crawfish Promotion and Research Board from 14 to 13 members and removes the commissioner as an ex officio member.

Prior law provided that La. Crawfish Promotion and Research Board may employ a director and an assistant director, who shall be appointed by the board subject to the approval of the commissioner. Required the board to determine the amount of the funds which shall be used for salaries for personnel. Provided for the director and assistant director to be in the unclassified service. Authorized the commissioner to employ such other personnel of the board as he deems appropriate. Provided for all employees of the board to be under the direction and supervision of the commissioner.

New law authorizes the La. Crawfish Promotion and Research Board to employ subordinate officers and employees, prescribe their duties and fix their compensation and terms of employment.

Prior law required the La. Aquaculture Coordinating Council to meet at the call of the chairman.

New law authorizes the La. Aquaculture Coordinating Council to meet upon the request of any three members.

Prior law required the La. Aquatic Chelonian Research and Promotion Board to meet quarterly and may meet on the call of the chairman.

New law removes the quarterly meeting requirement and authorizes the La. Aquatic Chelonian Research and Promotion Board to meet upon the request of any three members.

New law requires the commissioner to appoint one alternate for each member of the Livestock Brand Commission who shall be appointed from the same list of nominations submitted by respective organizations and possess the same qualifications as the member for whom he is appointed as an alternate. Provides when, for any reason, a member is unable to be present at any meeting of the board, the alternate shall serve in his place, and in such case, the alternate exercises all of the powers vested by law in the member, including the right to vote.

Prior law required the Livestock Brand Commission to meet at least quarterly and shall meet at other times upon the call of the chairman or of any three members. Prohibited the commission from meeting more than 12 times in any year.

New law requires the Livestock Brand Commission to meet annually upon the call of the chairman.

Prior law required that after a stop-sale order is given, the person receiving the stop-sale order shall have 15 days within which to comply and to obtain a written release of the order.

New law changes the time within which to comply from 15 days to 30 days.

New law corrects references from the La. Cotton Producers Association to the La. Cotton and Grain Association.

New law increases the membership of the La. Sweet Potato Advertising and Development Commission from 12 to 13 members and adds the commissioner as an ex officio member of the commission with the same rights and privileges, including voting rights, as other members. Increases the number of commercial processor members from two to three.

New law removes the requirement that the La. Board of Animal Health meet quarterly.

Prior law prohibited the La. Board of Animal Health from meeting more than 12 times in any calendar year.

New law removes this provision.

Prior law provided that the definition of weights, measures, and weighing and measuring devices includes all weights, scales, beams, measures of every kind, instruments and mechanical devices for weighing or measuring, scanners or scanning devices that determine product identity and price at the point of sale at retail, and any appliances and accessories connected with any such instruments. However, it does not include or refer to devices used to meter or measure, other than by weight, water, natural or manufactured gas, or electricity.

New law retains prior law but removes requirement that the product identity and price be made at the point of sale at retail.

New law corrects references from the La. Pesticide Applicators to the La. Vegetation Management Association.

New law authorizes the Structural Pest Control Commission to notify licensees at least seven days prior to any public hearing by electronic mail.

Prior law required Structural Pest Control Commission to mail a copy of an adopted rule to each licensee at his or her last know address prior to the date the rule becomes effective.

New law repeals prior law.

New law corrects a reference from a landscape contractor to a landscape horticulturist.

New law corrects internal references and provides for technical corrections.

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