

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 631

BY SENATOR RISER

FARMING. Provides relative to turtle farmer license requirements. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 3:2358.5(5), relative to turtle farmer license requirements; to require a three year apprenticeship before licensure; to authorize the commissioner of agriculture to adopt rules and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 3:2358.5(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2358.5. Requirements for licensure

A turtle farmer license shall be issued only upon meeting the following requirements:

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**(5) The applicant must complete a three year apprenticeship working with and under the supervision of a turtle farmer duly licensed in the state of Louisiana. The commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations regarding the apprenticeship requirement.**

1           Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
5 effective on the day following such approval.

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

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#### DIGEST

Riser (SB 631)

Present law (R.S. 3:2358.5) requires that a turtle farmer license shall be issued only upon meeting the following requirements:

- (1) Each person applying for a turtle farmer license must complete a written application as provided by the commissioner of agriculture.
- (2) An application fee, to be established by the commissioner by rule and not to exceed \$250, must accompany each application.
- (3) The applicant must have all necessary equipment and materials for implementation of sanitization or other procedures as may be required by the commissioner. The commissioner may provide for on-site inspection of such arrangements before the issuance of the license.
- (4) The applicant must comply with any other requirements which may have been adopted by rules and regulations.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a requirement that applicants must complete a three year apprenticeship working with and under a turtle farmer duly licensed in Louisiana.

Proposed law requires the commissioner to adopt rules and regulations regarding the apprenticeship requirement.

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

(Adds R.S. 3:2358.5(5))