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SB 161 Engrossed

2023 Regular Session

Lambert

Proposed law creates an exemption to present law to allow small wild catfish processors to prepare catfish for direct sale to the consuming public if the processor sells less than or equal to 400 pounds of catfish per month and does not employ another individual to assist in the preparation of wild catfish for the direct sale to the consuming public.

Proposed law establishes standards for equipment and labeling requirements applicable to the preparation of wild catfish for direct sale to the consuming public.

Proposed law requires a wild catfish processor to hold a wholesale/retail seafood dealer's license pursuant to present law and be registered to collect any local sales and use taxes that are applicable to the sale fo seafood.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 40:4.9.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Delete provisions relative to equipment too large to permit washing in sinks.
2. Change the licensure option from a retail seafood dealer's license to a fresh products license.
3. Make technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes to improve readability.