

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 107

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY

PESTICIDES/HERBICIDES: Modifies the issuance of certification cards for commercial applicators, pesticide salespersons, and agricultural consultants

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:3242(A), 3244, and 3246(A), relative to pesticide application,
3 sale, and consultation; to provide for the issuance of certification cards for
4 commercial applicators, pesticide salespersons, and agricultural consultants; to
5 provide for the renewal of such certificates; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 3:3242(A), 3244, and 3246(A) are hereby amended and reenacted
8 to read as follows:

9 §3242. Certification of commercial applicators

10 A. No person shall apply or supervise the application of any restricted use
11 pesticide as a commercial applicator unless that person has the proper certification.
12 Certification shall be issued only after the applicant has satisfactorily passed an
13 examination. The commissioner shall establish categories and subcategories for
14 certification in different areas of commercial application and shall establish specific
15 standards for each category and subcategory. Certification shall be valid for three
16 years and shall be renewed in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner.

17 The commissioner by rule shall provide for the issuance of annual certification cards
18 every three years to coincide with the certification renewal period. Commercial
19 applicators may supervise the ground application of restricted use pesticides within
20 the commercial applicator's certification by competent uncertified individuals who

1 are under the direct supervision of the commercial applicator. Commercial
2 applicators shall not supervise the aerial application of any pesticide by any
3 uncertified person.

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§3244. Certification of pesticide salespersons

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§3246. Certification and licensing of agricultural consultants

17 A. No person shall be employed as an agricultural consultant unless that
18 person has the proper certification. Certification shall be issued only after the
19 applicant has satisfactorily passed an examination. Certification shall be valid for
20 three years and shall be renewed in accordance with rules adopted by the
21 commissioner. The commissioner by rule shall provide for the issuance of ~~annual~~
22 certification cards every three years to coincide with the certification renewal period.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Modifies the issuance of certification cards for commercial pesticide applicators, pesticide salespersons, and agricultural consultants to coincide with the certification renewal periods.

Present law prohibits any person without proper certification from applying or supervising the application of restricted use pesticides as commercial applicators. Requires that certification be issued only after an applicant passes an examination and that this certification be renewed every three years. Further requires the commissioner to establish certification standards and provides for the issuance of annual certification cards. Additionally, authorizes commercial applicators to supervise ground applications by competent uncertified individuals under their direct supervision.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the issuance of certification cards from annually to every three years to coincide with the certification renewal period.

Present law prohibits the sale or supervision of the sale of restricted use pesticides as a pesticide salesperson unless one is properly certified. Requires that certification be issued only after an applicant passes an examination and be renewed every three years. Further requires the commissioner to provide for the issuance of annual certification cards. Additionally, authorizes pesticide salespersons to supervise the sale of restricted use pesticides by competent uncertified individuals under their direct supervision.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the issuance of certification cards from annually to every three years to coincide with the certification renewal period.

Present law prohibits any person from being employed as an agricultural consultant unless that person has proper certification. Further requires that certification be issued only after an applicant passes an examination and be renewed every three years. Additionally, requires the commissioner to provide for the issuance of annual certification cards.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the issuance of certification cards from annually to every three years to coincide with the certification renewal period.

(Amends R.S. 3:3242(A), 3244, and 3246(A))