

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 505

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY

PESTICIDES/HERBICIDES: Provides relative to 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, 3246(A), and 3251(B)(4), relative to the  
3 issuance of certification cards for commercial applicators, pesticide salespersons, and  
4 agricultural consultants; to provide for the renewal of such certificates; to provide  
5 for fees for certain licenses and certificates issued or reissued by the commissioner;  
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 3:3242(A), 3244, 3246(A), and 3251(B)(4) are hereby amended and  
9 reenacted to read as follows:

10 §3242. Certification of commercial applicators

11 A. No person shall apply or supervise the application of any restricted use  
12 pesticide as a commercial applicator unless that person has the proper certification.  
13 Certification shall be issued only after the applicant has satisfactorily passed an  
14 examination. The commissioner shall establish categories and subcategories for  
15 certification in different areas of commercial application and shall establish specific  
16 standards for each category and subcategory. Certification shall be valid for three  
17 years and shall be renewed in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner.  
18 The commissioner by rule shall provide for the issuance of ~~annual~~ certification cards  
19 every three years to coincide with the certification renewal period. Commercial  
20 applicators may supervise the ground application of restricted use pesticides within

1 the commercial applicator's certification by competent uncertified individuals who  
2 are under the direct supervision of the commercial applicator. Commercial  
3 applicators shall not supervise the aerial application of any pesticide by any  
4 uncertified person.

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6 §3244. Certification of pesticide salespersons

7 No person shall sell or supervise the sale of restricted use pesticides as a  
8 pesticide salesperson unless that person has the proper certification. Certification  
9 shall be issued only after the applicant has satisfactorily passed an examination.  
10 Certification shall be valid for three years and shall be renewed in accordance with  
11 rules adopted by the commissioner. The commissioner by rule shall provide for the  
12 issuance of ~~annual~~ certification cards every three years to coincide with the  
13 certification renewal period. Pesticide salespersons may supervise the sale of  
14 restricted use pesticides by competent uncertified individuals who are under the  
15 direct supervision of the pesticide salespersons.

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17 §3246. Certification and licensing of agricultural consultants

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

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25 §3251. Fees

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27 B. The fees for the licenses and certificates issued or reissued by the  
28 commissioner shall be as follows:

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1 (4) The fee for issuing the ~~annual~~ triennial certification card shall be ~~twenty~~  
2 sixty dollars. This provision shall not apply to private applicators.

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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 and increases the fee for certification card renewals.

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.

Present law requires a fee of \$20 for issuing annual certification cards and excludes private applicators from this requirement.

Proposed law modifies present law by increasing the fee from \$20 to \$60 and changing the reference from annual certification cards to triennial certification cards.

(Amends R.S. 3:3242(A), 3244, 3246(A), and 3251(B)(4))