Regular Session, 2014

ACT No. 219

HOUSE BILL NO. 1056

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAMBERT

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | To amend and reenact R.S. 3:556.6(A) and (B) and 556.14(A) and (H) and to repeal R.S. |
| 3 | 3:556.3(D), 556.7, and 556.14(B), (C), (E), (F), and (G), relative to the Louisiana |
| 4 | Crawfish Promotion and Research Board; to provide for the levy of certain |
| 5 | assessments on artificial crawfish bait, crawfish tail meat, and bags for the packaging |
| 6 | of live crawfish; to repeal the term of appointment for board members; to repeal |
| 7 | authority for referenda for assessment purposes; and to provide for related matters. |
| 8 | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: |
| 9 | Section 1. R.S. 3:556.6(A) and (B) and 556.14(A) and (H) are hereby amended and |
| 10 | reenacted to read as follows: |
| 11 | §556.6. Assessments |
| 12 | A. Subject to all of the provisions of this Part, including the provisions |
| 13 | relating to referenda and refunds, there There is hereby levied and imposed an |
| 14 | assessment of one-quarter of one cent per pound on all artificial crawfish bait sold |
| 15 | in this state. The assessment shall be ultimately paid by the crawfish farmers and |
| 16 | harvesters who purchase the artificial bait. |
| 17 | B. Subject to all of the provisions of this Part, including the provisions |
| 18 | relating to referenda and refunds, there There is hereby levied and imposed an |
| 19 | assessment on each bag used to package live crawfish in the amount of one cent for |
| 20 | each bag holding less than twenty-five pounds of crawfish, and two cents for each |
| 21 | bag holding twenty-five pounds or more of crawfish. The assessment shall |
| 22 | ultimately be paid by the crawfish farmers and harvesters who purchase the bags. |
| 23 | If the assessment levied and imposed by this Subsection is approved in a referendum, |

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| 1 | the initial assessment shall expire at the same time as the initial assessment levied |
| 2 | and imposed by Subsection A of this Section. |
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| 4 | §556.14. Assessments on crawfish tails |
| 5 | A. An assessment of one cent per pound is hereby levied on all crawfish tail |
| 6 | meat sold in this state if the assessment is approved in a referendum vote by a |
| 7 | majority of crawfish tail meat producers called by the board for that purpose. |
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| 9 | H. The assessment, if approved, shall be collected and paid at the first point |
| 10 | of sale in Louisiana by the producer or distributor doing business in Louisiana and |
| 11 | remitted to the department on or before the fifteenth day after the close of each |
| 12 | quarter. |
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| 14 | Section 2. R.S. 3:556.3(D), 556.7, and 556.14(B), (C), (E), (F), and (G) are hereby |
| 15 | repealed in their entirety. |
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| | SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES |
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| | PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE |
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| | GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA |
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APPROVED: