

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 173

BY REPRESENTATIVE TERRY LANDRY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AGRICULTURE/SWEET POTATO: Modifies the disbursement amount of sweet potato tax money collected

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:1746(C), relative to sweet potato tax disbursements; to provide
3 for an increase in sweet potato tax disbursements; to provide for the modification of
4 the percentages of disbursements allocated to the Louisiana Sweet Potato
5 Association and the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 3:1746(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §1746. Collection, deposit, and disbursement of sweet potato tax money

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11 C. The proceeds of ~~one cent~~ two cents of the four-cent per bushel tax
12 collected each year shall be disbursed by the commissioner when authorized by a
13 majority of the commission as follows:

14 (1) ~~One-fourth~~ One-eighth of the above amount to finance activities and
15 services initiated by the Louisiana Sweet Potato Association as approved by a
16 majority of the members of the commission.

17 (2) ~~Three-fourths~~ Seven-eighths of the above amount to the Louisiana
18 Agricultural Experiment Station to finance sweet potato research work as approved
19 by a majority of the members of the commission.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the amount of sweet potato tax money that the Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry shall disburse to the La. Sweet Potato Association and the La. Agricultural Experiment Station. Modifies the percentages of the sweet potato tax money allocated to the La. Sweet Potato Association and the La. Agricultural Experiment Station.

Present law requires that one cent of the four-cent per bushel tax collected be disbursed by the commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry when authorized by a majority of the La. Sweet Potato Advertising and Development Commission. Proposed law increases that amount to two cents of the four-cent bushel tax.

Present law requires that the La. Sweet Potato Association receive one-fourth of the amount collected for disbursement. Proposed law decreases the disbursement percentage from one-fourth to one-eighth.

Present law requires that the La. Agricultural Experiment Station receive three-fourths of the amount collected for disbursement. Proposed law increases the disbursement percentage from three-fourths to seven-eighths.

(Amends R.S. 3:1746(C))