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HOUSE BILL NO. 252

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

AGRICULTURE: Provides relative to animal health and food safety for commercial feeds

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 36:628(C)(1) and (E), relative to animal health and food safety

for commercial feeds; to provide clarification regarding the regulation of commercial

feeds; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 36:628(C)(1) and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as

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§628. Offices; purposes and functions

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C.(1) The office of agricultural and environmental sciences shall administer the provisions of law relating to fertilizers, seeds, plant diseases, commercial feeds, pesticides, horticulture, and apiaries. The office shall perform technical services and laboratory functions for the farmers of the state and shall perform functions designed to expand and improve seed certification; increase production of rice and nursery stock; monitor and provide for the prevention, control, and eradication of regulated and exotic crop pests or diseases endangering Louisiana's agricultural, horticultural, and apiary industries; assure that products certified for export are free from pests; oversee the qualifications and practices of persons engaged in the green industry; sample pesticides, feeds, fertilizer, seed, and agricultural materials to assure that they meet all requirements of law and regulation; assure the proper labeling, distribution,

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storage, sale, offering for sale, and application of pesticides; license and regulate pesticide applicators and pest control companies; regulate the treatment, storage, and disposal of pesticide wastes; and perform other related functions, all in accordance with applicable law.

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E. The office of animal health and food safety shall be responsible for the inspection of meat, fruits, and vegetables, the control and eradication of infectious diseases that affect the livestock and poultry industries of the state, the control of livestock theft and denying a market for stolen cattle and horses in Louisiana, the regulation of the manufacturing and sale of commercial feeds, and the enforcement of Louisiana grown products and performance of other related functions, all in accordance with applicable law.

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## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Specifies that the office of animal health and food safety is responsible for the regulation of commercial feeds, instead of the office of agricultural and environmental sciences.

<u>Present law</u> specifies that the office of agricultural and environmental sciences is responsible for administering the provisions of law relating to commercial feeds.

<u>Proposed law</u> modifies <u>present law</u> by specifying that the office of animal health and food safety is responsible for the regulation of the manufacturing and sale of commercial feeds, instead of the office of agricultural and environmental sciences.

(Amends R.S. 36:628(C)(1) and (E))