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HB 596 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Expands the definition of commercial farmer to include a landowner who is a party to a joint venture and leases land to a commercial farmer.

Present law provides for sales and use exemptions and exclusions for certain agricultural inputs for commercial farmers who produce food or commodities at a profit and file their farm income and expenses on federal tax forms.

Proposed law retains present law and expands the definition of commercial farmer to include a landowner who is determined by the Dept. of Revenue to be a party to a joint venture and who leases land to a commercial farmer, as defined by present law.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Revenue to make a determination of whether a landowner qualifies as a commercial farmer. Requires the landowner to submit documentation of the joint venture or the report of farm income and expenses, including proof of lease income, from the joint venture on a federal tax form to the secretary of the Dept. of Revenue.

Effective July 1, 2019

(Amends R.S. 47:301(30))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Change the documentation a landowner must submit to the Dept. of Revenue from submission of documentation of the joint venture arrangement *and* a report of farm income and expenses to submission of documentation of the joint venture *or* a report of farm income and expenses.
2. Clarify that the form income and expense report include proof of lease income.