

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 426

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES: Provides relative to seed testing and labeling

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:1435(5), relative to the seed testing and labeling authority of
3 the commissioner of agriculture; to provide for an exemption of the analyses of
4 certain seed tests from Public Records Law; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 3:1435(5) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1435. Authority of the commissioner

8 The commissioner may:

9 * * *

10 (5) Make purity, germination, and additional tests of seeds for persons upon
11 request. The analyses shown by these tests shall be confidential and shall be made
12 available only to the requestor, unless otherwise specifically authorized by the
13 requestor, and shall be exempt from the Public Records Law, R.S. 44:1 et seq.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Makes the analyses of certain seed testing exempt from Public Records Law.

Present law requires the analyses of purity, germination, and additional tests of seeds be confidential and available only to the requestor.

Proposed law maintains present law and makes the test analyses exempt from La. Public Records Law.

(Amends R.S. 3:1435(5))