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Abstract: Provides clarification relative to adulterated commercial feed and labeling fees, and authorizes additional uses of the Feed and Fertilizer Fund.

Present law classifies when a commercial feed is or is not considered adulterated if it contains a poisonous or deleterious substance causing injury to health.

Proposed law retains present law and specifies if the injury is to the health of livestock, pets, or humans.

Present law requires the Ag Chemistry and Seed Commission (commission) to adopt good manufacturing practice regulations for medicating feed premixes and medicated feeds under federal law.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a reference to federal law.

Present law authorizes the commissioner of agriculture to issue a stop order for the sale, distribution, or movement of certain feeds when reasonable cause to believe that the feed poses immediate threat to the lives and health of livestock in the state exists, and present law allows up to five working days for the detainment of such feed.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the term "pets" in reference to the type of feed and type of animals the feed poses a threat to. Proposed law changes the maximum amount of days for detainment of the feed to 10 working days.

Present law requires registrants to pay a fee, not to exceed \$20, when filing a label with the commission, and requires the commission to establish, by rule, a schedule of labeling fees based on the number of registrants, the volume of commercial feed sold in the state by each, and the estimated expenses incurred by the commissioner of agriculture in administering the label program.

Proposed law removes the criteria by which the commission must establish the labeling fees by rule, but otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides for the use of monies in the Feed and Fertilizer Fund to be expended on the expenses of the office of agricultural and environmental sciences as determined by the commissioner of agriculture.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the office of animal health and food safety as an acceptable expenditure of the fund.

(Amends R.S. 3:1396(1) and (8), 1399(C), 1401(B), and 1407(B)(1))