

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 33

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

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

AGRICULTURE: Modifies structural pest control provisions related to the registered technician examination and the appointment of research committee members

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:3375(B) and to repeal R.S. 3:3369(J), relative to structural pest
3 control; to change the term of appointment for certain research committee members;
4 to remove the wait period for persons to retake the registered technician
5 examination; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 3:3375(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §3375. Disposition of fees

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10 B. Out of the monies appropriated each year to the commission, the
11 commission shall allocate at least thirty thousand dollars to the Louisiana State
12 University Experiment Station for research. The allocation shall be made at least
13 biannually. The commission shall appoint a committee composed of the
14 commissioner or his designee, the chancellor of the Louisiana State University
15 Agricultural Center or his designee, the director of the Louisiana State University
16 Experiment Station or his designee, the president of the Louisiana Structural Pest
17 Control Association, the executive director of the Louisiana Pest Control
18 Association, and three licensed pest control operators. This committee shall make
19 recommendations to the commission on what research is needed. Committee
20 members shall be appointed for ~~one year~~ terms concurrent with that of the

1 commissioner. The commission shall determine the areas in which the research shall
 2 be conducted and shall review research progress at an annual meeting. At the end
 3 of each fiscal year, all unexpended funds which were allocated under the provisions
 4 of this Section shall revert to the Structural Pest Control Commission Fund.
 5 Section 2. R.S. 3:3369(J) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Modifies structural pest control provisions applicable to the terms of research committee members and examination requirements for registered technicians.

Present law (R.S. 3:3363) creates the Structural Pest Control Commission (commission) within the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry.

Present law (R.S. 3:3375) provides for the disposition of fees. Further provides that one of the responsibilities of the commission is the allocation of \$30,000 to the La. State University Experiment Station for research. Present law requires the commission appoint eight committee members for the purpose of making recommendations to the commission on the type of research needed. Specifies that committee members are appointed for one year.

Proposed law modifies present law by making the terms of committee members concurrent with that of the commissioner of agriculture.

Present law (R.S. 3:3369(J)) specifies that a person who fails to pass the required registered technician examination must wait 30 days to retake the examination.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 3:3375(B); Repeals R.S. 3:3369(J))