

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 588

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE

SEAFOOD: Adds members to the Seafood Safety Task Force

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:5.5.3(D)(15) through (18), relative to the Seafood Safety Task Force; to  
3 add members to the task force; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 40:5.5.3(D)(15) through (18) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 §5.5.3. Seafood Safety Task Force; creation; purpose

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8 D. The task force shall be composed of the following ~~fourteen~~ members:

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10 (15) A representative from the oyster industry appointed by the Oyster Task  
11 Force.

12 (16) A representative from the crab industry appointed by the Crab Task  
13 Force.

14 (17) A representative from the finfish industry appointed by the Louisiana  
15 Finfish Task Force.

16 (18) A representative of the crawfish industry.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 588 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Adds members to the Seafood Safety Task Force.

Present law provides for the creation of the Seafood Safety Task Force whose purpose is to serve as the state panel of experts focused on ensuring the safety of seafood processed, distributed, purchased, and consumed in La. and to provide education and awareness to consumers of the health risks associated with imported seafood. Specifies that the task force must also make recommendations on the utilization of money in the Imported Seafood Safety Fund for testing imported seafood.

Present law provides for the composition of the task force, which includes appointees by relevant legislative committees and government agencies, the chancellor of La. State University, statewide associations and boards, as well as a public health nutritionist.

Proposed law adds representatives from the oyster industry appointed by the Oyster Task Force, crab industry appointed by the Crab Task Force, finfish industry appointed by the La. Finfish Task Force, and crawfish industry to the task force.

(Adds R.S. 40:5.5.3(D)(15)-(18))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Provide for the appointees from the oyster, crab, and finfish industries to be appointed by their respective task forces.
2. Add a member to the task force from the crawfish industry.
3. Make technical changes.