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## DIGEST

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HB No. 193

**Abstract:** Provides for the merger of certain funds within the La. Dept of Agriculture and Forestry.

Present law creates the Feed Fund and provides for commercial feed registration fees, labeling fees, inspection fees, deficiency assessments, penalties, and fines. Provides for the disposition of all collected fees, payment of obligations, and allowable expenses of feed fund monies.

Present law creates the Fertilizer Fund and provides for registration fees for the sale of fertilizer and agricultural liming materials, inspection fees, tonnage fees, deficiency assessments, penalties, and fines. Provides for the disposition of all collected fees, payment of obligations, and allowable expenses of fertilizer fund monies.

Proposed law merges the Feed Fund and the Fertilizer Fund and creates the Feed and Fertilizer Fund. Expands the allowable expenses of the fund to include the office of agricultural and environmental services as determined by the commissioner. Otherwise retains present law.

Present law creates the Crop Pests and Diseases Fund and provides for nursery stock inspection fees. Provides for the disposition of all collected fees, payment of obligations, and allowable expenses of the crop pests and diseases fund monies.

Present law creates the Apiary Fund and provides for registration fees for colonies or apiaries, inspection fees, assessments on bees, and penalties. Provides for the disposition of all collected fees, payment of obligations, and allowable expenses of apiary fund monies.

Present law creates the Horticulture Commission Fund and provides for examination and license fees for certain professional licenses, permit fees for nursery stock dealers and cut flower dealers, renewal fees, and penalties. Provides for the disposition of all collected fees, payment of obligations, and allowable expenses of horticulture fund monies.

Proposed law merges the Crop Pests and Diseases Fund, the Apiary Fund, and the Horticulture Commission Fund and creates the Horticulture and Quarantine Fund. Expands the allowable expenses of the fund to include the office of agricultural and environmental services as determined by the commissioner.

(Amends R.S. 3:1407, 1421(1)(b), (2)(a) and (b), and (3), 1430.13(A) and (D), 1655(C)(3) and (5)(a), 2311(B) and (D)(1), and 3806(G)(2) and (4)(a))