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DIGEST

Thompson (SB 89)

Present law specifically authorizes the commissioner or his authorized representatives to examine and audit the accounts, books, and records, including stock records, position records, balance sheets, scale tickets, and warehouse receipts of any warehouse, cotton merchant or cotton agent, or grain dealer licensed under present law.

Proposed law retains present law and further authorizes the representatives to copy necessary records of grain dealers, cotton merchants and warehouses.

Present law requires each warehouse, cotton merchant, and grain dealer to permit any authorized representative of the commission to enter all locations on any business day during normal working hours to inspect, examine, or audit all contents, facilities, equipment, records, books, and accounts.

Proposed law retains present law and further authorizes the representative to copy necessary records of grain dealers, cotton merchants and warehouses.

Present law creates the Agricultural Commodity Dealers and Warehouse Fund for deposit of the revenues of the commission. One of the specific purposes of the fund is to provide for the expenses of the program established by present law, as determined by the commission.

Proposed law transfers the authority of determining the expenses of the fund from the commission to the commissioner.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 3:3406(A)(2), 3419(D), 3421(intro para), and 3423(D)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill.

1. Makes technical correction relative to confidentiality of records.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Allows copying of records and books to be performed on any business day during normal working hours.
2. Requires the warehouse, cotton merchant, or grain dealer to provide the necessary assistance required for any copying.