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Abstract: Increases seed dealer license and regulatory fees on all seeds sold in La. Modifies who has to register as a seed dealer.

<u>Present law</u> requires every person who sells, distributes, offers, or handles for sale agricultural, vegetable, or flower seeds or other propagating stock of one pound or more in weight to register with the commissioner as a seed dealer. <u>Proposed law</u> modifies <u>present law</u> by making the registration process applicable to persons who label, sell, offer, or handle for sale in or distribute to La., agricultural, vegetable, or flower seeds or other propagating stock of one pound or more in weight.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the commissioner to establish by rule, adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), a seed dealer license fee up to \$100 per license. <u>Proposed law</u> increases the fee range from up to \$100 to up to \$200 per license.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the commission to establish by rule, adopted in accordance with the APA, a regulatory fee on all seeds sold in La. up to $.20\phi$ per 100 pounds of seed. <u>Proposed law</u> increases the fee range <u>from</u> up to $.20\phi$ to up to $.30\phi$ per 100 pounds of seed.

(Amends R.S. 3:1437 and 1448)