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2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 285

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTOUCET

PEST CONTROL OPERATORS: Provides relative to fees established for certain structural pest control business owners

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:3374(A), relative to fees paid by structural pest control

business owners; to increase the fees for each standard contract and wood destroying

insect report submitted; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 3:3374(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §3374. Fees

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A. Each person who holds a place of business permit shall pay the fees established in this Subsection for standard contracts and wood destroying insect reports. Fees shall be paid at the expense of the person who holds the place of business permit and shall be paid at the time the person files the report required by R.S. 3:3370(B). The fee for each standard contract reported shall be established by the commission by rule at not less than five dollars and not more than eight sixteen dollars. The fee for each wood destroying insect report reported shall be established by the commission by rule at not less than five dollars and not more than eight sixteen dollars. When the amount of the fees collected under pursuant to this Section in any fiscal year equals the amount appropriated for the commission and its programs for that fiscal year, the commission shall allocate the fees collected for standard contracts and wood destroying insect reports for the remainder of that fiscal

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1 year to the Louisiana State University Experiment Station for the purpose of

2 structural pest control research.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the minimum fee and increases the maximum fee that the Structural Pest Control Commission (commission) may establish for each reported standard contract and each reported wood destroying insect report.

<u>Present law</u> allows the commission to establish a fee for each reported standard contract and each reported wood destroying insect report at not less than \$5 and not more than \$8. Proposed law removes the minimum fee of \$5 and increases the maximum fee to \$16.

(Amends R.S. 3:3374(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Agriculture</u>, <u>Forestry</u>, <u>Aquaculture</u>, <u>and Rural Development</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Revert back to <u>present law</u> by removing a provision that deleted the authority of the Structural Pest Control Commission's ability to appoint a committee of persons to make recommendations on what research is needed.