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HOUSE BILL NO. 269

BY REPRESENTATIVE ANDERS

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 3:1 and 15(A) and to enact R.S. 3:15(C), relative to the authority
3	of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to provide for the issuance of
4	certifications and registrations; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related
5	matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 3:1 and 15(A) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 3:15(C)
8	is hereby enacted to read as follows:
9	§1. Terms defined
10	As used in this Title, the terms defined in this Section have the meanings
11	herein given to them, except where the context expressly indicates otherwise:
12	(1) "Applicant" means a person or place of business that makes a formal
13	application for a license, permit, certification, registration, or certificate issued
14	pursuant to this Title.
15	(1) (2) "Commissioner" means the Louisiana Commissioner of Agriculture
16	and Forestry.
17	(2) (3) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture and Forestry.
18	(3) (4) "Encumbrance" means any lien, privilege, judgment, mortgage,
19	pledge, pawn, claim, charge, or any other encumbrance of like nature.
20	(5) "Person" means an individual or any legal or commercial entity,
21	including a corporation, business trust, partnership, limited liability company,
22	association, or joint venture. However, for purposes of any adjudications or
23	violations or penalties issued pursuant to the provisions of this Title, "person" shall
24	not include a person or entity volunteering to provide services.

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1	(6) "Place of business" means a permanent location or a portion of a
2	permanent location from which business, in a regulated profession or occupation, is
3	transacted.
4	(4)(7) "State chemist", notwithstanding anything in this Title to the contrary,
5	shall mean means the director of the Louisiana agricultural experiment station of the
6	Louisiana State University Agricultural Center and also shall mean his designee, who
7	shall be a member of the university's academic faculty and who, as determined by
8	the state chemist, possesses a practical understanding of a body of knowledge that
9	is sufficient to properly effect relevant analytical and microscopical work, research
10	that may contribute to the knowledge of the properties, values, and proper use of
11	commercial feeding stuffs, commercial fertilizers, and commercial insecticides and
12	fungicides in Louisiana, and other analyses, determinations, responsibilities, duties,
13	and obligations imposed on the state chemist in this Title.
14	(5) (8) "Sustainable" or "sustainable agriculture" means science-based
15	practices, including the use of technology, which lead to broad outcome-based
16	performance improvements to meet the needs of present and future generations while
17	advancing environmental, social and economic goals, and the well-being of
18	agricultural producers and rural communities. Critical outcomes to consider shall
19	include increasing agricultural productivity, improving human health through access
20	to safe, nutritious, and affordable food, and enhancing agricultural and surrounding
21	environments, including water, soil, and air quality.
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23	§15. Application for license, permit, <u>certification</u> , <u>registration</u> , or certificate; social
24	security number required; denial
25	A. The department and each board or commission authorized to issue a
26	license, permit, certification, registration, or certificate under pursuant to this Title
27	shall require each applicant to include his social security number on the application.
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29	C. Any department, board, or commission authorized to issue a license,
30	permit, certification, registration, or certificate pursuant to the provisions of this Title

1	may deny, revoke, or not renew such privileges if the applicant owes fees, fines,
2	taxes, deficiency assessments, or civil penalties.
	SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
	PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
	GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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