

**ACT No. 52**

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 252

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 36:628(C)(1) and (E), relative to animal health and food safety  
3 for commercial feeds; to provide clarification regarding the regulation of commercial  
4 feeds; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 36:628(C)(1) and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
7 follows:

8 §628. Offices; purposes and functions

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10 C.(1) The office of agricultural and environmental sciences shall administer  
11 the provisions of law relating to fertilizers, seeds, plant diseases, ~~commercial feeds~~,  
12 pesticides, horticulture, and apiaries. The office shall perform technical services and  
13 laboratory functions for the farmers of the state and shall perform functions designed  
14 to expand and improve seed certification; increase production of rice and nursery  
15 stock; monitor and provide for the prevention, control, and eradication of regulated  
16 and exotic crop pests or diseases endangering Louisiana's agricultural, horticultural,  
17 and apiary industries; assure that products certified for export are free from pests;  
18 oversee the qualifications and practices of persons engaged in the green industry;  
19 sample pesticides, ~~feeds~~, fertilizer, seed, and agricultural materials to assure that they  
20 meet all requirements of law and regulation; assure the proper labeling, distribution,  
21 storage, sale, offering for sale, and application of pesticides; license and regulate  
22 pesticide applicators and pest control companies; regulate the treatment, storage, and

1 disposal of pesticide wastes; and perform other related functions, all in accordance  
2 with applicable law.

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4 E. The office of animal health and food safety shall be responsible for the  
5 inspection of meat, fruits, and vegetables, the control and eradication of infectious  
6 diseases that affect the livestock and poultry industries of the state, the control of  
7 livestock theft and denying a market for stolen cattle and horses in Louisiana, the  
8 regulation of the manufacturing and sale of commercial feeds, and the enforcement  
9 of Louisiana grown products and performance of other related functions, all in  
10 accordance with applicable law.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_