

AGENDA

House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development

Thursday, April 29, 2021

Committee Room 3

9:00 a.m.

Chairman: Jack G. McFarland
Vice Chairman: Francis C. Thompson

Staff: Nicholas Cole, attorney
Trinicia Bryant, committee administrative assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

_____	HB 49	RISER	WEIGHTS/MEASURES Increases certain weights and measures registration and license fees under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry
_____	HB 104	WHEAT	AGRICULTURE Provides relative to the composition of the Louisiana Board of Animal Health and its regulatory authority over the disposal of livestock animal carcasses
_____	HB 177	WHEAT	ANIMALS Provides relative to sterilization of animals sold or released for adoption from shelters
_____	HB 230	JOHNSON, TRAVIS	AGRICULTURE Provides relative to aquaculture development and the Louisiana Aquatic Chelonian Research and Promotion Board
_____	HB 239	RISER	FORESTRY Provides relative to the harvesting of cypress trees on state property
_____	HB 404	THOMPSON	AGRICULTURE Provides relative to lifetime livestock brand recordation and fees
_____	HB 622	THOMPSON	RURAL/DEVELOPMENT Provides relative to the office of rural development and the Rural Development Program
_____	HB 640	SCHEXNAYDER	AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES Provides relative to industrial hemp
_____	HB 647	JOHNSON, TRAVIS	DISTRICTS/ECONOMIC DEVEL Creates the Delta Agriculture Research and Sustainability District

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Consideration and adoption of minutes from meetings of the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development held in 2020 Regular Session on May 7, and May 20, 2020 and in the Second Extraordinary Session on October 12, 2020.

Introduction and comments by Dr. Mike Strain, Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Persons who do not feel comfortable giving testimony in person at this time may submit a prepared statement in accordance with House Rule 14:33 in lieu of appearing before the committee:

A. Any interested person or any committee member may file with the committee a prepared statement concerning any matter within the committee's scope of authority, and the committee records shall reflect receipt of such statement and the date and time thereof.

B. Any person who files a prepared statement which contains data or statistical information shall include in such prepared statement sufficient information to identify the source of the data or statistical information. For the purposes of this Paragraph, the term "source" shall mean a publication, website, person, or other source from which the data or statistical information contained in the prepared statement was obtained by the person or persons who prepared the statement.

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All persons desiring to participate in the meeting shall utilize appropriate protective health measures and observe the recommended and appropriate social distancing.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE SUBMIT A WITNESS CARD TO THE COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT BEFORE THE MEETING BEGINS IF YOU WANT TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.