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Department of Agriculture and Forestry
Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Public Hearing—Substantive Changes to Proposed
Rule; Honey Bees and Apiaries
(LAC 7:XV.507)

The department published a Notice of Intent to update its regulations on honey bees, apiaries and fireants, specifically LAC 7:XXIX.501-519 and 701-725, in the June 20, 2016 edition of the *Louisiana Register* (LR 42:911-916). As a result of public comments received on proposed Rule 507, the department proposes to amend Rule 507(D)(1). Specifically, the substantive change to the proposed rule would permit a Class B beekeeper who owns immovable property in Louisiana to locate his or her own apiary anywhere on that property, even if it would be within two miles of an existing apiary. No fiscal or economic impact will result from the amendments proposed in this notice.

Title 7
AGRICULTURE AND ANIMALS
Part XV. Plant Protection and Quarantines
Chapter 5. Honey Bees and Apiaries
(Formerly LAC 7:XXI.Chapter 25)

§507. Annual Registration and Designation of Class A and B Permits
(Formerly LAC 7:XXI.2503)

A. – C.3. ...

D. The holder of a Class B permit shall do the following:

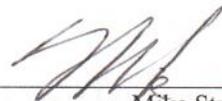
1. maintain his yard or apiary a minimum of two miles from any other bee yard or apiary for three consecutive violation-free years. However, any registered beekeeper who owns property may locate his or her own apiary anywhere on that property. The holder of a Class B permit must be able to demonstrate that he made reasonable efforts to ascertain and ensure that his bee yard or apiary would not be set up within a two mile radius of an existing bee yard or apiary. The holder of a Class B permit may move his yard or apiary within two miles of an existing yard or apiary if the owner of the existing apiary gives written permission.

D.2. – F. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:2305 and R.S. 2:2303.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture, LR 11:517 (May 1985), repromulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Animal Health and Food Safety and the Board of Animal Health, LR 40:930 (May 2014), LR 43:

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, specifically at R.S. 49:968(H)(2), the department gives notice of a public hearing to receive additional comments and testimony on these substantive amendments to the proposed Rule. The hearing will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 20, 2017 in the Veterans' Auditorium at the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806. At that time, all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, either orally or in writing. Interested persons may submit written comments to Ansel Rankins, Director of Horticulture and Quarantine Programs, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, 5825 Florida Blvd., Suite 3002, Baton Rouge, LA 70806. He is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding these substantive amendments to the proposed Rule. The deadline for receipt of all written comments is 10 a.m. on Friday, January 20, 2017.



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