

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 152

BY SENATOR FESI

FOOD SAFETY. Prohibits certain actions with respect to cell cultured food products for human consumption. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Part IV of Chapter 30 of Title 3 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be
3 comprised of R.S. 3:4748.1 through 4748.4, relative to cell cultured food products;
4 to prohibit the sale of cell cultured food products for human consumption; to provide
5 for penalties; to provide for rules and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Part IV of Chapter 30 of Title 3 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
8 comprised of R.S. 3:4748.1 through 4748.4, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **PART IV. CELL CULTURED FOOD PRODUCTS**

10 **§4748.1. Short title**

11 **This Part shall be known and may be cited as the "Cell Cultured Food**
12 **Products Act".**

13 **§4748.2. Cell cultured food products; prohibition**

14 **A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no person**
15 **shall advertise, manufacture, distribute, sell, or offer for sale, any cell cultured**
16 **food product for human consumption in this state.**

17 **B. For purposes of this Part, "cell cultured food product" means any**

1 cultured animal tissue produced from in vitro animal cell cultures outside of the
2 organism from which it is derived.

3 §4748.3. Violations; penalties

4 A. A violator of any provision of this Part or of any rule or regulation
5 adopted under the provisions of this Part shall be subject to a civil penalty of
6 not more than five hundred dollars for each act of violation. Each day on which
7 a violation occurs shall be a separate offense.

8 B. Penalties may be assessed only by a ruling of the commissioner based
9 upon an adjudicatory hearing held in accordance with the provisions of the
10 Administrative Procedure Act.

11 C. In addition to civil penalties, the commissioner may assess the
12 proportionate costs of the adjudicatory hearing against the offender. The
13 commissioner shall determine the amount of costs to be assessed.

14 D. The commissioner may institute civil proceedings to enforce his
15 rulings in the district court for the parish in which the violation occurred.

16 E. The commissioner may institute civil proceedings seeking injunctive
17 relief to restrain and prevent the violation of the provisions of this Part, or of
18 the rules and regulations adopted under the provisions of this Part, in the
19 district court for the parish in which the violation occurred.

20 §4748.4. Rules and regulations

21 The commissioner may adopt rules and regulations necessary to
22 implement this Part. All rules and regulations shall be adopted in accordance
23 with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

Proposed law defines "cell cultured food product" as any cultured animal tissue produced from in vitro animal cell cultures outside of the organism from which it is derived.

Proposed law provides that any person who violates proposed law will be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$500 for each violation. Each day on which a violation occurs will be considered a separate offense.

Proposed law provides that penalties may be assessed only by a ruling of the commissioner of the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry based on an adjudicatory hearing and the commissioner may assess the proportionate costs of the adjudicatory hearing against the offender.

Proposed law provides that the commissioner may institute civil proceedings to enforce his rulings and to seek injunctive relief to restrain and prevent the violation, which must be instituted in the district court for the parish in which the violation occurred.

Proposed law authorizes the commissioner to adopt rules or regulations as necessary to implement proposed law and all rules or regulations must be adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 3:4748.1-4748.4)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.