

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 403

BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES

SMALL BUSINESS: Provides for the production of homemade food for sale to the public

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:4.9(B), relative to homemade food for sale to the public; to
3 modify the gross sale amount to qualify for low-risk homemade food exemption to
4 the Sanitary Code and other food safety laws; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:4.9(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §4.9. Low-risk foods; preparation in home for public consumption

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9 B. This Section ~~shall~~ does not apply to any preparer of low-risk foods made
10 at a home for sale, whose gross annual sales equal ~~thirty thousand~~ fifty thousand
11 dollars or more.

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DIGEST

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HB 403 Engrossed

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Abstract: Increases the annual sales amount to qualify for an exemption to certain food safety laws for low-risk, homemade foods sold to public.

Present law provides that producers of low-risk, homemade foods may sell such foods to the public and are exempt from food safety and sanitary requirements if the producer sells less than \$30,000 of low-risk, homemade foods annually.

Proposed law increases the gross annual sales limit for this exemption from \$30,000 to \$50,000, after which a producer would no longer qualify for the exemption.

(Amends R.S. 40:4.9(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Change the gross annual sales limit amount that qualifies a low-risk food producer for the exemption to \$50,000.