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DIGEST

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Provides that the purpose of proposed law is to support children's health by setting nutritional standards for beverages offered in a restaurant's children's meal.

Proposed law provides that the default beverage in a children's meal shall be water, nonfat or 1% milk, a nondairy milk alternative, or 100% fruit juice or juice combined with water.

Provides that the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) will verify compliance with proposed law during the course and scope of otherwise scheduled restaurant inspections.

Provides that a restaurant will be in compliance with proposed law if the beverage listed on the menu or advertisement is identified as "drink", "beverage", or one of the default beverages authorized by proposed law and if the restaurant staff has been trained to verbally offer the default beverage when taking a verbal order. Provides that a menu or advertisement shall be brought into compliance with proposed law on or before January 1, 2021.

Provides that nothing in proposed law shall be construed as a prohibition on a restaurant selling or a customer ordering a beverage for a children's meal that is not the default beverage.

Provides that a violation of proposed law shall not be treated as a violation unless the restaurant is found to be out of compliance during three consecutive inspections.

Proposed law provides for rulemaking by LDH.

Effective August 1, 2020.

(Adds R.S. 40:5.3.1)