

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 358

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHRODER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

VETERINARIANS: Authorizes the state veterinarian to quarantine any animal until certain inspections are completed

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:2094(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 3:2094(B),  
3 relative to the state veterinarian's authority to quarantine; to provide authorization  
4 for the state veterinarian to quarantine any animal until certain inspections are  
5 completed; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 3:2094(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and reenacted and  
8 R.S. 3:2094(B) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §2094. Powers of the state veterinarian

10 A. The state veterinarian may:

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12 B. In consultation with federal officials and agencies and based upon an  
13 epidemiological evaluation of the current risk of introduction or spread of disease,  
14 the state veterinarian may place any animal used for research in quarantine until the  
15 disease risk has abated. The determination to lift a quarantine issued pursuant to this  
16 Subsection shall be based on validated data derived from evidence-based practices.

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DIGEST

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HB 358 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the state veterinarian to place any animal in quarantine until the necessary inspections, tests, or epidemiological investigations have been completed.

Present law authorizes the state veterinarian to place livestock in quarantine until the necessary inspections, tests, or epidemiological investigations have been completed. Proposed law expands the authority to quarantine in present law to any animal used for research, after consultation with cognizant federal officials and agencies, until the disease risk has abated.

(Amends R.S. 3:2094(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 3:2094(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill:

1. Delete a provision that expanded the authority of the state veterinarian to quarantine all animals, instead of solely livestock.
2. Add a provision that allows the state veterinarian, after consultation with cognizant federal officials and agencies, to place any animal used for research in quarantine until the disease risk has abated.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make a technical change.