

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 569

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

AGRICULTURE: Provides relative to designated authorities for federal and state cooperation with provisions of the Federal Meat Inspection Act and Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:4222(A) and (B) and to repeal R.S. 3:4222(D), relative to  
3 designated authorities for federal and state cooperation; to clarify certain provisions  
4 of the Federal Meat Inspection Act and Federal Products Inspection Act; and to  
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 3:4222(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
8 follows:

9 §4222. Federal and state cooperation; designated authority

10 A. The commissioner is hereby designated as the state agency which shall  
11 be responsible for cooperating with the secretary of agriculture of the United States  
12 under the provisions of ~~Sections 114 and 114a~~ of the Federal Meat Inspection Act  
13 and ~~Section 467~~ of the Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act and such agency is  
14 directed to cooperate with the secretary of agriculture of the United States in  
15 developing and administering the meat inspection program of this state under this  
16 Chapter to assure that not later than November 15, 1970 its requirements will be at  
17 least equal to those developing and administering the program of this state under the  
18 provisions of this Chapter in such a manner as will effectuate the purposes of this  
19 Chapter and said federal acts. However, no provision of this Chapter shall be

1 understood or construed as changing or repealing any present constitutional  
 2 provision or statutory law of the state with respect to the powers, duties and  
 3 responsibilities of the Louisiana State Department of Health or with respect to the  
 4 Sanitary Code or the State Food, Drugs and Cosmetic Act except to the extent and  
 5 only to the extent of direct conflict with the provisions herein contained and rules  
 6 and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. Where practical the Louisiana Department  
 7 of Agriculture shall enter into a contractual agreement with the Louisiana  
 8 Department of Health for services presently being rendered by the Louisiana State  
 9 Department of Health and all related services under the provisions of various  
 10 applicable laws, to the extent necessary to assure compliance with the provisions and  
 11 purposes of this Chapter.

12 B. In such cooperative efforts, the ~~commission~~ commissioner of agriculture  
 13 is authorized to accept from said secretary advisory assistance in planning and  
 14 otherwise developing the state program, technical and laboratory assistance and  
 15 training including necessary curricular and instructional materials and equipment,  
 16 and financial and other aid for administration of such a program. The commissioner  
 17 is further authorized to spend public funds of this state appropriated for  
 18 administration of this Chapter to pay fifty per centum of the estimated total cost of  
 19 the cooperative program.

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21 Section 2. R.S. 3:4222(D) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

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DIGEST

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HB 569 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Removes references to sections of the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Federal Products Inspection Act that have been repealed. Removes the East Baton Rouge Parish Health Unit from present law due to the lack of a city or parish meat inspection program.

Present law references Sections 114 and 114a of the Federal Meat Inspection Act and Section 467 of the Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act.

Proposed law removes these references as they have been repealed.

Present law specifies that the commission, in a cooperative effort with the secretary of agriculture of the U.S., is authorized to accept assistance from the secretary in planning or developing a state meat inspection program.

Proposed law specifies that the commissioner of agriculture instead of the commission, has the authority to enter into a cooperative effort with the secretary.

Present law provides for the East Baton Rouge Parish Health Unit's meat inspection program and its designation as a part of the state agency insofar as said meat inspection program is concerned.

Proposed law removes the East Baton Rouge Parish Health Unit from present law due to the lack of a city or parish meat inspection program.

(Amends R.S. 3:4222(A) and (B); Repeals R.S. 3:4222(D))