

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 269

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER AND SENATORS BARROW, BOUIE, CONNICK,
MCMATH, FRED MILLS, MIZELL, AND POPE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:635, relative to functions of the Louisiana Department of
3 Health pertaining to food safety; to amend provisions of the State Food, Drug, and
4 Cosmetic Law; to provide relative to imported food products; to provide for the
5 destruction of certain food products that are subject to import bans; to provide for
6 construction of certain laws relating to public health; and to provide for related
7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 40:635 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §635. Condemnation or destruction of perishables in certain cases

11 A. Whenever the department or its duly authorized officer or employee finds
12 in any factory, establishment, structure, or vehicle of transportation any meat,
13 seafood, poultry, vegetables, fruit, or other perishable articles which are unsound or
14 contain any filthy, decomposed, or putrid substance or that may be poisonous or
15 deleterious to health or otherwise unsafe for human consumption, the officer or
16 employee of the department designated by it shall immediately condemn or destroy
17 it or in any other manner render it unconsumable as human food.

18 B. Nothing in this Title shall be construed to prohibit any duly authorized
19 officer or employee of the department from causing the destruction of any meat,
20 seafood, poultry, vegetables, fruit, or other perishable articles which are of foreign

1 origin and are the subject of a current import ban issued by an agency of the federal
2 government.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____