

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 783****2026 Regular Session****Coates**

HEALTH/LDH: Provides relative to the regulation of food and food safety

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Removes modifications to the definition of "milk".
2. Transfers enforcement authority for prohibitions on the mislabeling of non-lactational dairy protein products as milk from the La. Dept. of Health to the La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides for definitions relative to the "Truth in Labeling of Food Products Act".

Proposed law adds a definition for "non-lactational dairy protein product".

Proposed law requires non-lactational dairy protein products to be labeled and include that the product was produced through microbial fermentation and was not derived from mammalian lactation. Proposed law further requires labeling meet all of the following requirements:

- (1) Appear on the principal display panel.
- (2) Be in a font size not less than thirty-point type.
- (3) Be in a typeface and color that contrasts with background.
- (4) Be placed in close proximity to the product name.

Proposed law prohibits the sale of non-lactational dairy protein products subject to the enforcement authority, penalties, and remedies otherwise provided by present law.

The prohibition on the sale of non-lactational dairy protein products is effective if and when House Bill No. 512 of this 2026 R.S. is enacted and becomes effective.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 3:4743(14) through (18); Adds R.S. 3:4743(19), 4744(C), and 4744.1)