

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 633

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBAS

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

ANIMALS: Provides relative to preventing the spread of disease through the unlawful transportation of diseased animals, livestock, or adulterated meat

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:2137 and enact R.S. 3:2130, relative to preventing the spread
3 of disease; redesignates provisions of current law; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 3:2137 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 3:2130 is hereby
6 enacted to read as follows:

7 §2130. Definitions

8 As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the following
9 meanings, except where the context expressly indicates otherwise;

10 (1) "Adulterated meat" means any animal carcass, part thereof, meat or meat
11 product, or any human or animal food additive or supplement containing or derived
12 from animal protein, that bears or contains any bacteria, disease, microorganism,
13 virus, or other pest that could cause serious illness or death in humans or animals or
14 could cause animals to become economically unproductive.

15 (2) "Diseased livestock" means any livestock that is infected with or carries
16 any bacteria, disease, microorganism, virus, or other pest that could cause serious
17 illness or death in humans or animals or could cause animals to become
18 economically unproductive.

19 (3) "Livestock" means any animal bred, kept, maintained, raised, or used for
20 show, profit, or for the purpose of selling or otherwise producing crops, animals, or

1 ~~life from public waters; imported exotic deer and antelope, elk, farm-raised white-~~
2 ~~tailed deer, farm-raised ratites, and other farm-raised exotic animals; chickens,~~
3 ~~turkeys, and other poultry; and animals placed under the jurisdiction of the~~
4 ~~commissioner of agriculture and forestry and any hybrid, mixture, or mutation of any~~
5 ~~such animal.~~

6 ~~B:~~ A. It shall be unlawful for anyone to knowingly bring into the state or to
7 transport through this state or to move within this state any adulterated meat or
8 diseased livestock or animals without the express written approval of the
9 commissioner of agriculture and forestry or his designee. The board shall adopt rules
10 and regulations in accordance with this Chapter for the enforcement of this Section.

11 ~~C:~~ B. Any person who knowingly violates any of the provisions of this
12 Section or any rule or regulation administered and enforced by the board pursuant
13 to this Section shall be subject to a civil penalty of five thousand dollars imposed in
14 accordance with R.S. 3:2093. Each act of bringing, transporting, or moving diseased
15 livestock or adulterated meat into, through, or within this state shall be a separate
16 violation. Each day or partial day shall be a separate violation.

17 ~~D:~~ C. In addition to the civil penalties and civil relief provided for in this
18 Chapter, whoever intentionally, or in a criminally negligent manner, violates the
19 provisions of this Section or the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this
20 Section shall be guilty of a crime and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than
21 five thousand, nor more than twenty-five thousand dollars or imprisoned, with or
22 without hard labor, for not less than one year, nor more than ten years, or both.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Redesignates the provisions of current law relative to preventing the spread of disease.

Proposed law establishes a definitions section in present law by redesignating definitions for "Adulterated meat", "Diseased livestock", and ""Livestock" from R.S. 3:2137(A) to R.S. 3:2130.

Proposed law provides for technical corrections to present law.

(Amends R.S. 3:2137; Adds R.S. 3:2130)