

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 510

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHANEY AND SENATOR THOMPSON

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

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:2092(B) and 2092.1 and to enact R.S. 3:2092(C) and 2094,
3 relative to the Louisiana Board of Animal Health; to provide for the qualifications
4 of the state veterinarian employed by the board; to provide for venue of suits filed
5 against the board; to provide for the powers of the state veterinarian; and to provide
6 for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 3:2092(B) and 2092.1 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
9 3:2092(C) and 2094 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §2092. Officers and employees

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12 B. The board, subject to the approval of the commissioner of agriculture,
13 shall employ a director, an assistant director, and a state veterinarian, all of whom
14 shall be in the unclassified service. The state veterinarian shall be the executive
15 secretary of the board. The commissioner of agriculture shall employ such other
16 personnel of the board as are necessary. All employees of the board shall be under
17 the direction and supervision of the commissioner of agriculture.

18 C. The state veterinarian shall be licensed to practice veterinary medicine in
19 this state, shall be a graduate of a recognized school of veterinary medicine, and shall
20 have at least five years experience as a veterinarian, ~~at least three years of which~~
21 ~~shall be experienced in the regulatory control of livestock disease.~~

22 §2092.1. Domicile; hearings; appeals

23 ~~A.~~ The board shall be domiciled in the city of Baton Rouge, and no suit may
24 be filed against the board at any place other than the parish of East Baton Rouge. In

1 suits against the board, all service shall be made on the ~~director or on any board~~
2 ~~employee located at the board's office~~ commissioner of agriculture.

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4 §2094. Powers of the state veterinarian

5 The state veterinarian may:

6 (1) Establish, maintain, and enforce quarantine lines and place movement
7 restrictions on intrastate and interstate travel of livestock.

8 (2) Place any livestock in quarantine until the necessary inspections or tests
9 or epidemiological investigations have been completed.

10 (3) Appoint inspectors to enter premises, to inspect and disinfect livestock
11 premises, and enforce quarantines.

12 (4) Make a determination based on epidemiological evaluation of current
13 disease risks that additional requirements are needed to prevent the introduction or
14 spread of disease.

15 (5) Direct a person to comply with the entry or additional requirements in
16 writing or orally and confirmed in writing.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____