

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 imposed pursuant to the Federal Meat Inspection Act and in
18 developing and administering the program of this state under the provisions of this
19 Chapter in such a manner as will effectuate the purposes of this Chapter and said

1 federal acts. However, no provision of this Chapter shall be understood or construed
 2 as changing or repealing any present constitutional provision or statutory law of the
 3 state with respect to the powers, duties and responsibilities of the Louisiana State
 4 Department of Health or with respect to the Sanitary Code or the State Food, Drugs
 5 and Cosmetic Act except to the extent and only to the extent of direct conflict with
 6 the provisions herein contained and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.
 7 Where practical the Louisiana Department of Agriculture shall enter into a
 8 contractual agreement with the Louisiana Department of Health for services
 9 presently being rendered by the Louisiana State Department of Health and all related
 10 services under the provisions of various applicable laws, to the extent necessary to
 11 assure compliance with the provisions and purposes of this Chapter.

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

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 R.S. 3:4222(D) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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HB 569 Reengrossed

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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))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.