
DIGEST

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HB No. 245

Abstract: Requires a time limit at certain times of the year on transportation of oysters from harvest to refrigeration if the oysters are for raw consumption.

Present law authorizes the year-round sale for raw consumption within the state, oysters which are harvested in La. waters. Requires the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to adopt rules and regulations for enforcement of this authority.

Proposed law retains present law but requires that during the period from May 1 to Oct. 31 each year, movement of oysters from harvest to refrigeration must take no more than five hours. Further requires that the rules adopted by DHH must allow five hours for such movement.

Present law authorizes DHH to grant an exemption from the National Shellfish Sanitation Program's *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* (*Vp*) and *Vibrio vulnificus* (*Vv*) management plans to harvesters and dealers who have not been epidemiologically linked to a *Vp* or *Vv* oyster-related illness

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 56:437; Repeals R.S. 40:5.3.1)