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Proposed law prohibits a person from manufacturing, distributing, selling, or offering for sale any cell cultured food product for human consumption in Louisiana. Proposed law defines cell cultured food product as any cultured animal tissue produced from in vitro animal cell cultures outside of the organism from which it is derived.

Proposed law provides that any person who violates proposed law will be subject to a civil penalty of not more than $500 for each violation. Each day on which a violation occurs will be considered a separate offense.

Proposed law provides that penalties may be assessed only by a ruling of the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry based on an adjudicatory hearing and the commissioner may assess the proportionate costs of the adjudicatory hearing against the offender.

Proposed law provides that the commissioner may institute civil proceedings to enforce his rulings and to seek injunctive relief to restrain and prevent the violation, which must be instituted in the district court for the parish in which the violation occurred.

Proposed law authorizes the commissioner to adopt rules or regulations as necessary to implement proposed law and all rules or regulations must be adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 3:4748.1-4748.4)