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Abstract: Exempts producer-raised livestock products sold directly to consumers in Louisiana from state meat inspection, subject to labeling, processing, and intrastate sale requirements.

Proposed law recognizes that direct intrastate sales of producer-raised livestock products support La. and local food systems and that increasing transparency and access to locally produced foods promotes food security, strengthens local food systems, and expands equitable access to healthy foods consistent with federal nutrition goals.

Proposed law defines the following terms as follows:

- (1) "Informed end consumer" means an individual who purchases livestock products for personal or household consumption, not for resale, and who has been provided written disclosure that the product is not subject to state or federal meat inspection laws.
- (2) "Intrastate" means commerce within the state.
- (3) "Livestock" means cattle, bison, domesticated bovine species including water buffalo, sheep, goats, and domestic rabbits raised for human consumption within La.
- (4) "Livestock products" means meat derived from livestock raised by a producer and slaughtered and processed at a licensed custom slaughter facility operating in accordance with present law (R.S. 3:4215).
- (5) "Producer" means a natural person who raises livestock within La.

Proposed law exempts livestock products derived from producer-raised livestock from state meat inspection requirements, provided that the livestock is raised by the producer, slaughtered and processed at a licensed custom slaughter facility operating in compliance with present law (R.S. 3:4215), sold only directly to an informed end consumer, not resold, transacted entirely within La., and not introduced into interstate commerce.

Proposed law requires all slaughter and processing conducted under proposed law to comply with the sanitation requirements for custom slaughter set forth in present law (R.S. 3:4215) and any rules adopted by the commissioner governing custom slaughter facilities.

Proposed law requires all livestock products sold under proposed law to bear the following label:

"THIS PRODUCT WAS PRODUCED AND PROCESSED WITHOUT STATE OR FEDERAL INSPECTION. FOR INTRASTATE SALE ONLY. NOT FOR RESALE. FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION ONLY." Further requires the producer to provide written disclosure to the informed end consumer before completing a transaction.

Proposed law prohibits livestock products sold under proposed law from being sold to retail grocery or food service establishments for resale, distributed through wholesale channels, represented as inspected meat, or transported or shipped outside of La.

Proposed law requires a producer selling livestock products to maintain records for at least one year and make them available to the commissioner upon reasonable request. Specifies that the records include the species of livestock, date of slaughter, name and location of the licensed custom slaughter facility, date of sale, and name of the informed end consumer.

Proposed law specifies that the provisions of proposed law apply only to proposed law and not to amend, modify, supersede, repeal, or otherwise affect any other present law, except as expressly stated.

Proposed law clarifies that proposed law does not prohibit a producer from using state or federal inspection programs, authorize interstate sale of uninspected meat, limit federal authority under the Federal Meat Inspection Act, or exempt any person from prohibitions against adulteration or misbranding.

(Adds R.S. 3:4216.1)