

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 512

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AGRICULTURE/MEAT: Provides relative to cell cultured food products

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:4233(A)(4) through (14) and to enact R.S. 3:4201(24), 4210.1,
3 and 4233(A)(15), relative to cell cultured food products; to provide for definitions;
4 to prohibit the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cell cultured food products;
5 to prohibit the mixing of cell cultured food products with certain agricultural
6 products; to provide for effectiveness; to provide relative to research conducted by
7 institutions of higher education; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 3:4233(A)(4) through (14) are hereby amended and reenacted and
10 R.S. 3:4201(24), 4210.1, and 4233(A)(15) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §4201. Definitions

12 As used in this Chapter, except as otherwise specified, the following terms
13 shall have the meanings stated below:

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15 (24) The term "cell cultured food product" means any cultured animal tissue
16 produced from in vitro animal cell cultures outside of the organism from which it
17 derived.

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill:

1. Add an effectiveness provision making the proposed law effective upon a final ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court upholding the constitutionality of state prohibitions on cell cultured food products, while preserving the ability of accredited institutions of higher education in the state to conduct research on such products regardless of that ruling.
2. Make technical changes.