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## DIGEST

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HB 512 Engrossed

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Schamerhorn

**Abstract:** Prohibits the sale, manufacturing, or distribution of cell cultured food products and the mixing of cell cultured food products with other meat products.

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 derived.

Proposed law prohibits the sale, manufacturing, or distribution of any cell cultured food product. Further prohibits the mixing of any cell cultured food product with any "meat product", as defined by present law (R.S. 3:4743(11)), for sale as food for human consumption.

Present law (R.S. 3:4233(A)) enumerates certain prohibitions under present law.

Proposed law expands present law by prohibiting the sale, manufacturing, or distribution of any cell cultured food product.

Effective upon a final U.S. Supreme Court ruling upholding the constitutionality of state bans on cell cultured food products, while still allowing accredited higher education institutions in the state to conduct research on such products regardless of that ruling.

(Amends R.S. 3:4233(A)(4) through (14); Adds R.S. 3:4201(24), 4210.1, and 4233(A)(15))

### 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.