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SB 152 Reengrossed

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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 this state.

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 Dept. 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 present law (the Administrative Procedure Act).

Proposed law provides that proposed law shall become effective only upon a final ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court holding that prohibitions on cell cultured food products do not violate the U.S. Constitution.

Proposed law further provides that proposed law does not prohibit institutions of higher education from conducting research on cell cultured food products.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 3:4750.1-4750.5)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Make technical changes.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Remove advertising prohibitions.
2. Add effectiveness provisions.
3. Make technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the reengrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.