

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 467

2024 Regular Session

Coates

May 31, 2024

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 467 by Representative Coates, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

- 1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development (#3991) be adopted.
- 2. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Kleinpeter (#4399) be adopted.
- 3. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Cathey (#4288) be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

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DIGEST

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**Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House**

AGRICULTURE/MILK: Provides relative to the sale of raw milk

**Report adopts Senate amendments to:**

1. Authorize the commission to adopt by regulation the labeling requirements adopted by the Association of American Feed Control Officials, as long as they are consistent with proposed law.
2. Require raw milk testing for salmonella to be done once per month at an accredited laboratory.
3. Require a producer of raw milk to provide test results to the commission or a customer, upon request. Further requires the producer to keep the test results for at least two years after testing.
4. Authorize the commissioner to temporarily suspend the sale, distribution, or movement of raw milk from a producer whose raw milk causes an outbreak of a contagious or infectious disease. Further authorizes the Senate and House committees on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to conduct oversight hearings to override the commissioner's temporary suspension.
5. Remove provisions that would have set up a statutory framework for the sale of raw milk products, including applicable definitions and requirements pertaining to the sale of raw milk for human consumption; labeling of unpasteurized whole or goat milk; sanitation; bottling, packaging, and container filling; animal health; chemical, bacteriological, and temperature standards; product recall; and the authority of the Department of Health to adopt necessary rules and regulations.
6. Make technical changes.

**Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:**

1. Named this legislation as the "Senator Eric LaFleur Raw Milk Act".

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Proposed law defines "raw milk" in R.S. 3:1391 as the lacteal secretion from any species other than humans, that has not been pasteurized in accordance with the processes recognized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Present law defines "registrant" as the person registering a feed with the commission.

Present law defines "ruminant" to include any mammal of the suborder Ruminantia, which includes but is not limited to cattle, buffalo, sheep, goats, deer, elk, and antelopes.

Present law defines "ton" as the net weight of 2,000 lbs. avoirdupois.

Present law defines "value of protein deficiency" as the value of the crude protein as set by the state chemist times the difference between the guaranteed protein analysis and the actual protein analysis of the feed sample.

Proposed law requires labeling of raw milk as commercial feed to contain the following warning: "WARNING: NOT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION - THIS PRODUCT HAS NOT BEEN PASTEURIZED AND MAY CONTAIN HARMFUL BACTERIA". Requires this statement be displayed in a conspicuous manner and specifies it cannot be smaller than the height of the minimum form required by the Federal Fair Packaging and Labeling Act. Further requires the words "Raw (Blank) Milk" to appear conspicuously on the principal display panel of the raw milk packaging.

Proposed law authorizes the commission to adopt by regulation the labeling requirements adopted by the Association of American Feed Control Officials, as long as they are consistent with proposed law.

Proposed law requires raw milk testing for salmonella to be done once per month at an accredited laboratory. Further requires a producer of raw milk to provide the test results to the commission or a customer, upon request. Additionally, requires the producer to keep the test results for at least two years after testing.

Proposed law authorizes the commissioner of agriculture and forestry to temporarily suspend the sale, distribution, or movement of raw milk from a producer whose raw milk causes an outbreak of a contagious or infectious disease. Further authorizes the Senate and House committees on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to conduct oversight hearings to override the commissioner's temporary suspension.

(Amends R.S. 3:1391(23)-(26); Adds R.S. 3:1391(27), 1394(A)(14), 1398.1, and 1399(D))