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HB 358 Engrossed

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Schroder

Abstract: Authorizes the state veterinarian to place any animal in quarantine until the necessary inspections, tests, or epidemiological investigations have been completed.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the state veterinarian to place livestock in quarantine until the necessary inspections, tests, or epidemiological investigations have been completed. <u>Proposed law</u> expands the authority to quarantine in <u>present law</u> to any animal used for research, after consultation with cognizant federal officials and agencies, until the disease risk has abated.

(Amends R.S. 3:2094(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 3:2094(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

- 1. Delete a provision that expanded the authority of the state veterinarian to quarantine all animals, instead of solely livestock.
- 2. Add a provision that allows the state veterinarian, after consultation with cognizant federal officials and agencies, to place any animal used for research in quarantine until the disease risk has abated.