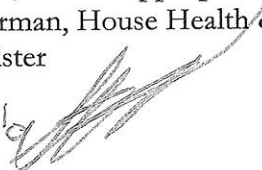




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TO: The Honorable John A. Alario, Jr., President, Louisiana State Senate
The Honorable Fred H. Mills Jr. Chairman, Senate Health & Welfare Committee
The Honorable Eric LaFleur, Chairman, Finance Committee, Louisiana State Senate
The Honorable Taylor F. Barras, Speaker, House of Representatives
The Honorable Henry Cameron, Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Frank A. Hoffmann, Chairman, House Health & Welfare Committee
Catherine Brindley, Editor, Louisiana Register

FR: Rebekah E. Gee, M.D., M.P.H., Secretary 

RE: **First Legislative Oversight Report – Milk and Dairy Residue Monitoring-Lab**

Under the authority of R.S. 40:4 and 40:5, and in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950 et seq.), the State Health Officer, acting through the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public Health intends to amend Title 51, Part VII of the Public Health Sanitary Code related to Regulation of Milk Products.

The proposed rule repeals language that requires certain testing on raw milk samples be conducted at a state-run facility known as the Milk and Dairy Residue Monitoring Facility, which is housed at the new Public Health Laboratory in Baton Rouge. The testing required by the repealed language is already being performed by industry. Therefore, requiring additional testing to be performed specifically at the state-run laboratory is redundant and unnecessary.

Attached, please find the Notice of Intent and required impact statements, including the summary page of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement. The Department plans to publish the notice of intent in the April 20, 2017, issue of the Louisiana Register.

Should you have any questions, please contact Tenney Sibley, Chief Sanitarian, Louisiana Department of Health, at (225) 342-7550.

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Attachment

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