

**ACT No. 256**

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 569

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:4222(A) and (B) and to repeal R.S. 3:4222(D), relative to  
3 designated authorities for federal and state cooperation; to clarify certain provisions  
4 of the Federal Meat Inspection Act and Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act; and  
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 3:4222(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
8 follows:

9 §4222. Federal and state cooperation; designated authority

10 A. The commissioner is hereby designated as the state agency which shall  
11 be responsible for cooperating with the secretary of agriculture of the United States  
12 under the provisions of ~~Sections 114 and 114a~~ of the Federal Meat Inspection Act  
13 and ~~Section 467~~ of the Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act and such agency is  
14 directed to cooperate with the secretary of agriculture of the United States in  
15 developing and administering the meat inspection program of this state under this  
16 Chapter to assure that ~~not later than November 15, 1970~~ its requirements will be are  
17 at least equal to those imposed pursuant to the Federal Meat Inspection Act and in  
18 developing and administering the program of this state under the provisions of this  
19 Chapter in such a manner as will effectuate the purposes of this Chapter and ~~said~~ the  
20 federal acts. However, no provision of this Chapter shall be understood or construed  
21 as changing or repealing any present constitutional provision or statutory law of the  
22 state with respect to the powers, duties and responsibilities of the Louisiana State  
23 Department of Health or with respect to the Sanitary Code or the State Food, Drugs

1           and Cosmetic Act except to the extent and only to the extent of direct conflict with  
 2           the provisions herein contained and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.  
 3           Where practical the Louisiana Department of Agriculture shall enter into a  
 4           contractual agreement with the Louisiana Department of Health for services  
 5           presently being rendered by the Louisiana State Department of Health and all related  
 6           services under the provisions of various applicable laws, to the extent necessary to  
 7           assure compliance with the provisions and purposes of this Chapter.

8                        B. In such cooperative efforts, the ~~commission~~ commissioner is authorized  
 9           to accept from ~~said~~ the secretary advisory assistance in planning and otherwise  
 10          developing the state program, technical and laboratory assistance and training  
 11          including necessary curricular and instructional materials and equipment, and  
 12          financial and other aid for administration of such a program. The commissioner is  
 13          further authorized to spend public funds of this state appropriated for administration  
 14          of this Chapter to pay fifty per centum of the estimated total cost of the cooperative  
 15          program.

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17          Section 2. R.S. 3:4222(D) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_