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HOUSE BILL NO. 693

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FISHING/OYSTERS: Requires DHH to notify oyster harvesters and dealers of a possible state exemption from the National Shellfish Sanitation program's *Vibrio* management plan

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:5.3.1, relative to oyster harvest and production; to require the
3 Department of Health and Hospitals to notify oyster harvesters and dealers of a
4 possible state exemption from the National Shellfish Sanitation Program's *Vibrio*
5 management plan; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:5.3.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §5.3.1. Exemptions

9 The Department of Health and Hospitals, in consultation with the Department
10 of Wildlife and Fisheries, may annually grant an exemption from the National
11 Shellfish Sanitation Program's *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* and *Vibrio vulnificus*
12 management plans to licensed oyster harvesters and certified oyster dealers if the
13 licensed oyster harvester or the certified oyster dealer has not been epidemiologically
14 linked to a *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* or *Vibrio vulnificus* ~~oyster-related~~ oyster-related
15 illness. The Department of Health and Hospitals, office of public health, shall notify
16 all licensed oyster harvesters and certified dealers of the provisions of this Section
17 and notify such persons that they may apply to the Department of Health and
18 Hospitals, office of public health, for such exemption.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires DHH to notify oyster harvesters and dealers of a possible state exemption from the National Shellfish Sanitation Program's *Vibrio* management plan.

Present law authorizes the office of public health to grant an exemption from the National Shellfish Sanitation Program's *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* and *Vibrio vulnificus* management plans to oyster harvesters and dealers that have not been epidemiologically linked to a V.p. or V.v. oyster-related illness.

Proposed law requires the office of public health, Dept. of Health and Hospitals, to notify oyster harvesters and dealers of such possible exemption.

(Amends R.S. 40:5.3.1)