

Regular Session, 2010

# ACT No. 268

HOUSE BILL NO. 693

BY REPRESENTATIVES WOOTON, BALDONE, HUTTER, AND LEGER

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.

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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

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