

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY  
LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT REPORT**

**RE: LAC 7: XXI.1311, 1313, 1321 and 1323. Swine**

This report is submitted electronically to the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Senate and House Committees on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture and Rural Development, in accordance with R.S. 49:968 regarding the intent of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, through the Board of Animal Health, to take the proposed action with regard to the above cited rule.

**I. THE PROPOSED ACTION**

The proposed amendments to LAC 7:XXI.1311, 1313, 1321 and 1323 are relative to swine in Louisiana. The requirement that swine be tested negative for pseudorabies and brucellosis is being removed from Rules 1311, 1313 and 1323. Louisiana is considered free of pseudorabies and brucellosis in domesticated swine therefore testing is no longer required for interstate trading status. The amendments to Rule 1311 clarify procedure which must be followed for a free roaming or feral swine to be able to be reclassified as a domestic swine. The amendments to Rule 1321 reorganize the rule but do not change the substance of the rule. Finally, all references to the Livestock Sanitary Board are being replaced with the Board of Animal Health.

**II. THE REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED ACTION**

The requirements for blood sample testing and swine testing for pseudorabies and brucellosis are no longer needed because Louisiana is considered free of pseudorabies and brucellosis in domesticated swine.

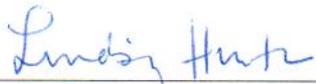
The references to the Livestock Sanitary Board are being removed and replaced with the Board of Animal Health to make the regulations consistent with the law.

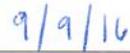
**III. STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

The proposed regulations are authorized by La. R.S. 3:2135 and 3:2137. La. R.S. 3:2135 provides that the Board of Animal Health "shall have plenary powers to deal with all contagious and infectious diseases of animals as in the opinion of the board may be prevented, controlled, or eradicated, and with full power to make, promulgate, and enforce such rules and regulations as in the judgment of the board may be necessary to control, eradicate, and prevent the introduction of contagious and infectious diseases of animals."

**IV. ATTACHMENTS**

- A. The proposed action coded with any new rule or language underscored and with language to be deleted from an existing rule in struck-through type.
- B. A copy of the fiscal and economic impact statement approved by the Legislative Fiscal Office.
- C. A copy of the Notice of Intent filed with the State Register.

  
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