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A Bill

SENATE BILL 464

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING SALES OF RAW
10 MILK; TO ALLOW SALES OF RAW MILK AND RAW MILK
11 PRODUCTS AT LOCATIONS OTHER THAN THE FARM WHERE THE
12 RAW MILK OR RAW MILK PRODUCT IS PRODUCED; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 RAW MILK; AND TO ALLOW SALES OF RAW MILK
19 AND RAW MILK PRODUCTS AT LOCATIONS OTHER
20 THAN THE FARM WHERE THE RAW MILK OR RAW
21 MILK PRODUCT IS PRODUCED.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-59-248, as amended by Acts 2025, No.
26 125, is amended to read as follows:

27 20-59-248. ~~Incidental sales of goat milk, sheep milk, and whole milk~~
28 ~~that has not been pasteurized~~ Sale of raw milk and raw milk products not
29 prohibited – Definitions.

30 (a) ~~For purposes of~~ As used in this section:

31 (1) ~~“Incidental sales of goat milk, sheep milk, and whole milk~~
32 ~~that has not been pasteurized”~~ are those sales where the average monthly
33 ~~number of gallons sold does not exceed five hundred gallons (500 gals.);~~

34 ~~(2)~~ “Locally produced whole milk products” means whole milk that
35 has been produced on an Arkansas farm;

36 (2) "Raw milk" means goat milk, sheep milk, and whole milk that



1 has not been pasteurized;

2 (3) "Raw milk product" means a consumer product that is the
 3 result of processes that include raw milk or raw cream as an ingredient
 4 including without limitation butter, buttermilk, cheese, cottage cheese,
 5 kefir, yogurt, colostrum, and other derivative products that use raw milk as
 6 an ingredient; and

7 ~~(3)(A)~~(4)(A) "Whole milk" means the lacteal secretion obtained
 8 by the complete milking of one (1) or more healthy cows, properly fed and
 9 kept, that when offered for sale contains at least three and one-fourth
 10 percent (3.25%) of butterfat and eight and one-fourth percent (8.25%) solids
 11 not fat.

12 (B) "Whole milk" does not include lacteal secretion
 13 obtained within fifteen (15) days before or five (5) days after calving or a
 14 longer period if necessary to render the milk practically colostrum free.

15 (b) This subchapter does not:

16 (1) Prohibit ~~incidental~~ sales of ~~raw goat milk, raw sheep milk,~~
 17 raw milk, raw milk products, and whole milk that has not been pasteurized
 18 directly to consumers:

19 (A) At the farm where the milk is produced;

20 (B) At a farmer's market; ~~or~~

21 (C) At a natural food store; or

22 (D) Via delivery from the farm where the milk is produced;

23 or

24 (2) Preclude the advertising of ~~incidental sales of goat milk,~~
 25 ~~sheep milk,~~ raw milk, raw milk products, and whole milk that has not been
 26 pasteurized.

27 (c) With respect to raw milk and whole milk that has not been
 28 pasteurized, the seller shall:

29 (1) Post at the point of sale a sign that is no smaller than ~~two~~
 30 ~~feet by four feet (2' x 4')~~ eighteen inches by twenty-four inches (18" x 24")
 31 that includes the following information in large, clear text:

32 (A) The name and address of the farm with seller's contact
 33 information; and

34 (B) The following statement:

35 "This product, sold for personal use and not for resale, is
 36 fresh whole milk that has NOT been pasteurized. Neither this farm nor the

1 milk sold by this farm has been inspected by the State of Arkansas. The
2 consumer assumes all liability for health issues that may result from the
3 consumption of this product.”; and

4 (2) Affix a label to the bottle or package that includes:

5 (A) The name and address of the farm; and

6 (B) The following statement:

7 “This product, sold for personal use and not for resale, is
8 fresh whole milk that has NOT been pasteurized. Neither this farm nor the
9 milk sold by this farm has been inspected by the State of Arkansas. The
10 consumer assumes all liability for health issues that may result from the
11 consumption of this product.”

12 (d) A farmer who sells fresh whole unpasteurized milk shall permit
13 inspection of his or her cows and barns by his or her customers upon request.

14 (e) Raw milk products produced in this state may be sold at a location
15 that is not the farm where the raw milk product is produced if:

16 (1) The raw milk product is clearly labeled with the following
17 statement:

18 “WARNING: This product, sold for personal use and not for resale,
19 is a product that has NOT been pasteurized and may contain harmful bacteria
20 that can cause serious illness. The consumer assumes all liability for health
21 issues that may result from the consumption of this product.”;

22 (2) The raw milk product is always refrigerated or on ice and
23 kept at a temperature at or below forty degrees Fahrenheit (40° F) before the
24 sale to the consumer; and

25 (3) The consumer signs an acknowledgment of risk that the
26 consumer assumes all liability for health issues that may result from the
27 consumption of the raw milk product.

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