

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- MILK SANITATION

Introduced By: Senators Satchell, Rogers, Archambault, Sosnowski, and Bell

Date Introduced: February 27, 2019

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 21-2-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 21-2 entitled "Milk
2 Sanitation Code" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **21-2-6. Grade A dairy farm permit holders.**

4 (a) All grade A dairy farms shall be inspected at least two (2) times each year by the
5 department of health. If the grade A dairy farm is located outside of the state, the department may
6 accept the inspection of some person or agency outside of the state of Rhode Island who has been
7 qualified and approved by the director to make the inspection.

8 (b) Every grade A dairy farm permit holder shall be equipped with a bulk storage and
9 pickup tank with suitable and adequate cooling equipment, and no grade A raw milk for
10 pasteurization from grade A dairy farms shall be picked up in cans.

11 (c) No milk sold or shipped by a grade A dairy farm permit holder as grade A raw milk
12 for pasteurization shall be commingled in any manner with milk or milk products of any other
13 grade if it is to be sold as grade A pasteurized milk.

14 (d) The director of health shall be responsible for the enforcement of this section.

15 (e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

16 (1) The production of milk, milk products, raw milk or raw milk products and the
17 manufacture of cheese for personal consumption or for consumption by immediate family
18 members; or

19 (2) The transfer or exchange of raw milk between persons who are parties to the same

1 shared animal ownership agreement. For purposes of this subsection, "shared animal ownership
2 agreement" means any contractual arrangement in which a person acquires ownership interest in a
3 milk-producing animal, agrees to pay or reimburse another person or otherwise accept financial
4 responsibility for the care and boarding of such milk-producing animal, and is entitled to receive
5 a share of the raw milk produced by such milk-producing animal.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1 This act would exempt the producers of certain milk and milk product produced for
2 personal consumption from the inspection requirements of the milk sanitation code.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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