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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 464

5 By: Senators A. Clark, B. Davis  
6 By: Representatives C. Cooper, Vaught  
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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; TO DECLARE*  
13 *AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*  
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## Subtitle

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18 *RAW MILK; TO ALLOW SALES OF RAW MILK AND*  
19 *RAW MILK PRODUCTS AT LOCATIONS OTHER*  
20 *THAN THE FARM WHERE THE RAW MILK OR RAW*  
21 *MILK PRODUCT WAS PRODUCED; AND TO*  
22 *DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.*  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-59-248, as amended by Acts 2025, No.  
27 125, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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



1           (2) "Raw milk" means goat milk, sheep milk, and whole milk that  
2 has not been pasteurized;

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

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

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

16           (b) This subchapter does not:

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

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

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

22           (C) At a natural food store; or

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

24 or

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

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

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

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

35           (B) The following statement:

36           "This product, sold for personal use and not for resale, is

1 fresh whole milk that has NOT been pasteurized. Neither this farm nor the  
2 milk sold by this farm has been inspected by the State of Arkansas. The  
3 consumer assumes all liability for health issues that may result from the  
4 consumption of this product.”; and

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

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

7 (B) The following statement:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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30 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
31 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that under present state law, raw  
32 milk products are not allowed to be sold in farmers' markets; that legalizing  
33 the sale of raw milk products, especially unpasteurized cheese, increases the  
34 potential for farmers to produce more products for sale; that farmers need  
35 immediate certainty on the law to be able to produce raw milk products,  
36 especially as the biggest goat cheese production month is April; and that

1 this act is immediately necessary to provide certainty on the law concerning  
2 the sale of raw milk products. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist,  
3 and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public  
4 peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

5 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

6 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
7 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
8 bill; or

9 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
10 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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12 /s/A. Clark  
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