

**House Study Bill 222 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act providing for the distribution of raw milk and associated
- 2 products.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 195.1, Code 2025, is amended by adding the  
2 following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. "*Distribution point*" means a raw milk  
4 producer's dairy farm, a farmers market, or a grocery store.

5 NEW SUBSECTION. 3B. "*Farmers market*" means the same as  
6 defined in section 137F.1, that is licensed by the department of  
7 inspections, appeals, and licensing pursuant to section 137F.4  
8 to sell Iowa-produced farm products on a retail basis for  
9 consumption off the premises.

10 NEW SUBSECTION. 3C. "*Grocery store*" means a food  
11 establishment as defined in section 137F.1, that is licensed by  
12 the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing pursuant  
13 to section 137F.4 to sell food or food products to customers  
14 intended for preparation or consumption off the premises.

15 Sec. 2. Section 195.5, Code 2025, is amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 **195.5 General — election by raw milk producer.**

18 A raw milk producer may elect to produce, process, or market,  
19 ~~or distribute~~ raw milk at the raw milk producer's raw milk  
20 dairy in compliance with this chapter. A raw milk producer  
21 may also elect to use the raw milk to manufacture, or market,  
22 ~~or distribute~~ a raw milk product or raw milk dairy product at  
23 the raw milk producer's raw milk dairy in compliance with this  
24 chapter. A raw milk producer may elect to market or distribute  
25 raw milk, a raw milk product, or a raw milk dairy product to  
26 individuals at a distribution point.

27 Sec. 3. Section 195.8, Code 2025, is amended by striking the  
28 section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

29 **195.8 Distribution of raw milk or associated products.**

30 1. a. A raw milk producer distributing raw milk at a  
31 distribution point shall, upon request of an individual being  
32 distributed the raw milk, make available to the individual a  
33 copy of the most recent summary of the test that determines the  
34 coliform count and standard plate count of the dairy animals  
35 retained at the raw milk dairy owned or operated by the raw milk

1 producer, as provided in section 195.6. The summary shall be  
2 made available at the distribution point.

3 b. (1) A raw milk producer distributing raw milk at the raw  
4 milk producer's dairy shall, upon request of an individual being  
5 distributed the raw milk, make available to the individual the  
6 health records of the dairy animals retained at the raw milk dairy  
7 as provided in section 195.6. The health records must include  
8 all of the following:

9 (a) The coliform count and standard plate count of dairy  
10 animals maintained at a raw milk dairy owned or operated by the  
11 raw milk producer.

12 (b) The administration of antibiotic drugs to dairy animals  
13 maintained at a raw milk dairy owned or operated by the raw milk  
14 producer.

15 (2) The health records shall be retained at the raw milk  
16 producer's dairy.

17 (3) An individual's right to examine a raw milk producer's  
18 health records does not entitle the individual to make a  
19 reproduction of those health records.

20 c. If the raw milk producer offers to distribute raw milk  
21 in a container, the container shall be labeled as provided in  
22 section 195.9, and sanitized.

23 2. a. A raw milk producer distributing a raw milk product  
24 or raw milk dairy product at a distribution point shall, upon  
25 request of an individual being distributed the raw milk product  
26 or raw milk dairy product, make available to the individual a  
27 copy of the most recent summary of the test that determines the  
28 coliform count and standard plate count of the dairy animals  
29 retained at the raw milk dairy owned or operated by the raw milk  
30 producer, as provided in section 195.6. The summary shall be  
31 made available at the distribution point.

32 b. (1) A raw milk producer distributing a raw milk product  
33 or raw milk dairy product at the raw milk producer's dairy  
34 shall, upon request of an individual being distributed the raw  
35 milk product or raw milk dairy product, make available to the

1 individual the health records of the dairy animals retained at the  
2 raw milk dairy as provided in section 195.6. The health records  
3 must include all of the following:

4 (a) The coliform count and standard plate count of dairy  
5 animals maintained at a raw milk dairy owned or operated by the  
6 raw milk producer.

7 (b) The administration of antibiotic drugs to dairy animals  
8 maintained at a raw milk dairy owned or operated by the raw milk  
9 producer.

10 (2) The health records shall be retained at the raw milk  
11 producer's dairy.

12 (3) An individual's right to examine a raw milk producer's  
13 health records does not entitle the individual to make a  
14 reproduction of those health records.

15 c. If the raw milk producer offers to distribute raw milk  
16 in a container, the container shall be labeled as provided in  
17 section 195.9, and sanitized.

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 BACKGROUND — GENERAL. 2023 Iowa Acts, chapter  
22 75, authorized the production, processing, marketing, and  
23 distribution of raw milk at a raw milk dairy, and the manufacture  
24 of a product using that raw milk when distributed and intended  
25 for human consumption (Code chapter 195). A raw milk dairy farm  
26 is not subject to regulation by the department of agriculture and  
27 land stewardship under the Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance  
28 (Code chapter 192).

29 BACKGROUND — TERMINOLOGY. The term "raw milk" refers to  
30 fluid milk that is unpasteurized and ungraded. A "raw milk  
31 dairy" is the location where the raw milk is produced from 10  
32 or fewer dairy animals (cows, sheep, or goats). A "raw milk  
33 producer" is a milk producer who owns or operates a raw milk  
34 dairy. A "raw milk dairy product" refers to a product, other  
35 than a raw milk product, manufactured using milk or a milk

1 product as the primary ingredient and includes any quantity of  
2 raw milk. A "raw milk product" refers to a product manufactured  
3 using milk as its exclusive ingredient and that includes any  
4 quantity of raw milk.

5 BACKGROUND — ANIMAL HEALTH. Each 12-month period, a  
6 licensed veterinarian must examine dairy animals maintained by  
7 a raw milk producer at a raw milk dairy. The examination must  
8 at least include a blood test for common diseases afflicting  
9 the type of dairy animal being examined. There must be a  
10 coliform count and standard plate count. The raw milk producer  
11 must comply with United States food and drug administration  
12 regulations when administering an antibiotic drug. The raw milk  
13 producer must also retain health records for the dairy herd for  
14 three years (Code section 195.6).

15 RESTRICTIONS ON DISTRIBUTION. There are four principal  
16 restrictions relating to the distribution of raw milk, a raw milk  
17 product, or a raw milk dairy product. The first restriction  
18 relates to order and delivery. A raw milk producer can only  
19 distribute raw milk, or a raw milk product or raw milk dairy  
20 product, to an individual and the individual must place an order  
21 to the raw milk producer. The raw milk, raw milk product, or  
22 raw milk dairy product cannot be delivered to a place of business  
23 where food or food items are distributed on a retail basis (e.g.,  
24 a grocery store). The second restriction relates to use. The  
25 raw milk, raw milk product, or raw milk dairy product must be  
26 consumed by the individual making the order, or members of the  
27 individual's household or guests. In addition, the raw milk,  
28 raw milk product, or raw milk dairy product cannot be resold.  
29 The third restriction relates to consumer information. A summary  
30 of the test results must be posted at the raw milk dairy's  
31 distribution point and a consumer may inspect the health records  
32 of the dairy herd maintained at the raw milk dairy. The fourth  
33 restriction relates to labeling. Any container holding raw milk,  
34 raw milk product, or raw milk dairy product must be labeled with  
35 a notice regarding its contents.

1 BILL'S PROVISIONS. This bill replaces the current  
2 distribution restrictions. For the first restriction, the  
3 distribution point is expanded to include two food establishments  
4 regulated by the department of inspections, appeals, and  
5 licensing or a political subdivision under contract. These  
6 include a farmers market or a grocery store (Code chapter  
7 137F). The second restriction, limiting consumption to the  
8 individual and the individual's household and guests, and  
9 prohibiting resale, is eliminated. The third restriction has  
10 been revised by eliminating a requirement that recent test  
11 results be posted. An individual visiting a raw milk dairy is  
12 not entitled to reproduce health records. The fourth restriction  
13 has been revised by expressly requiring that a container holding  
14 raw milk, a raw milk product, or a raw milk dairy product be  
15 sanitized.

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