

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Health Office of Public Health

Retail Food Establishments (LAC 51:XXIII.2101)

Effective December 12, 2025, the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, pursuant to the rulemaking authority granted by R.S. 40:4 and the emergency rulemaking authority granted by R.S. 40:4(A)(13), hereby rescinds the Emergency Rule entitled Retail Food Establishments, which was adopted on October 10, 2025, and published in the October 20, 2025, edition of the *Louisiana Register* (p. 1566).

This Rule provided clarification regarding the department's regulation of the use of shellfish shells as food service containers. After discussion, department representatives agreed to revise the pending regular rules and rescind the existing Emergency Rule.

Pursuant to its discussion with the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare on December 2, 2025, the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, finds it necessary to rescind the Emergency Rule.

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