

H.218 Section by Section Summary

Sec. 1. 6 V.S.A. chapter 152. Amends the chapter under which raw milk is regulated.

6 V.S.A. § 2776 adds two definitions—Community supported agriculture organization and farm stand

- “Community-supported agriculture organization” or “CSA organization” means a farm or group of farms each subject to regulation under the Required Agricultural Practices that grow, raise, or produce agricultural products for consumer shareholders or subscribers who pledge or contract to buy a portion of the agricultural products of the farm or group of farms.
- “Farm stand” means a site on a farm subject to the Required Agricultural Practices where agricultural products principally produced on the farm are sold to the public.

6 V.S.A. § 2777 makes clarifying amendments to the general requirements for the sale of raw milk.

- Provides that a licensed veterinarian must administer the rabies vaccination and brucellosis and tuberculosis tests required for cows producing raw milk.

6 V.S.A. § 2778 authorizes tier two producers of raw milk to contract with CSA organizations or farm stands to sell their raw milk

- §§ 2778(a) and (b): Sale or delivery of raw milk at a farm stand or by a CSA organization shall conform to the requirements for warning customers and labelling of the product sold to customers.
- § 2778(c)(3): The producer shall submit to the Agency of Agriculture notice of the farm stands or CSA organizations with whom the producer has contracted to sell the producer’s raw milk.
- § 2778(f): A farm stand or a CSA organization selling raw milk produced on a farm other than the farm or farms where the farm stand or CSA organization is located shall:
 - maintain a list of all customers to whom raw milk is sold, including addresses, telephone numbers, and, when available, e-mail addresses; date of purchase; and amount purchased;
 - submit the required records to the producer weekly;
 - store raw milk in a refrigerated unit or other adequate storage that is capable of keeping the milk at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or lower in a sanitary and effective manner; and
 - display the sign required for producers under subdivision 2777(d)(6)(B) in a place where clearly visible to and easily readable by customers at the farm stand or CSA organization.
- § 2778(g): Sale of raw milk by a farm stand or a CSA organization shall be deemed to be farming under 10 V.S.A. § 6001(22) and the Required Agricultural Practices. § 6001(22) is the Act 250 definition of “farming” that is the primary definition of farming in statute.
- § 2778(g): The Agency of Agriculture may inspect a farm stand or CSA organization selling raw milk during reasonable hours to determine compliance with the statute.

Sec. 2. Effective Date

- The act takes effect on July 1, 2021.