



**152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL NOTE**

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**BILL:** SENATE BILL NO. 273  
**SPONSOR:** Senator Buckson  
**DESCRIPTION:** AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 3 AND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS.

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**Assumptions:**

1. This Act is effective upon signature of the governor.
2. This Act, known as the Consumer Choice Milk Act, legalizes the sale of raw milk and milk products. Additionally, this Act requires the Department of Agriculture (Department) to establish the permitting, testing and inspection requirements applicable to the sale and distribution of fresh milk, raw milk, and products derived from raw milk.
3. The Department, in consultation with the Department of Health and Social Services, shall adopt regulations to administer and enforce this Act.
4. The Department estimates that the requirements of this Act can be performed by 10% of 2.0 existing NSF FTEs, 1.0 FTE Program Coordinator and 1.0 FTE Food Safety Inspector. However, because this program is not grant eligible, General Funds are required. The Department estimates that recurring annual General Fund costs are \$43,594 and are as follows:
  - a. \$16,433 in personnel costs.
  - b. \$27,161 for the estimated travel, supply, and contractual expenses for the positions.
5. A 2% inflation cost has been included for projected increases in personnel costs.

**Cost:**

**Fiscal Year 2025:** \$43,594  
**Fiscal Year 2026:** \$43,922  
**Fiscal Year 2027:** \$44,257

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