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H.603

Introduced by Representative Surprenant of Barnard

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Agriculture; preparation of poultry products; exception to inspection

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to repeal the requirement that poultry slaughtered under one of the three exceptions to inspection may only be sold as a whole bird from the farm, at a farmers' market, or to a food restaurant.

An act relating to the poultry slaughter exception to inspection

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 6 V.S.A. § 3312 is amended to read:

§ 3312. INSPECTION; EXCEPTIONS

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(b) 1,000 bird exemption. Inspection shall not be required for the slaughter or preparation of poultry products of the producer's own raising on the producer's own premises, whether or not they are intended for use as human food if:

(1) fewer than 1,000 birds are slaughtered annually;

1 (2) no poultry products are offered for sale or transportation in interstate
2 commerce; and

3 (3) the poultry products are only sold, ~~as whole birds only~~, from the
4 farm, at a farmers' market, or to a food restaurant licensed by the
5 Commissioner of Health, or are for personal use.

6 (c) 5,000 bird exemption.

7 (1) Inspection shall not be required for the slaughter or preparation of
8 poultry products of the producer's own raising on the producer's own
9 premises, whether or not they are intended for use as human food, if all of the
10 following conditions are satisfied:

11 (A) ~~No~~ Not more than 5,000 birds are slaughtered annually.

12 (B) No poultry products are offered for sale or transportation in
13 interstate commerce.

14 (C) The poultry products are only sold, ~~as whole birds~~, from the
15 farm, at a farmers' market, directly to household consumers, or to a food
16 restaurant licensed by the Commissioner of Health, or are for personal use.

17 (D) The producer's facility is not used to slaughter or process poultry
18 by any other person or business.

19 (E) The producer does not purchase birds for resale that have been
20 processed under the exemption under this section.

21 (F) The poultry are healthy when slaughtered.

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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This act shall take effect on passage.