Act No. 98 (H.860). Agriculture; livestock slaughter; on-farm slaughter

An act relating to on-farm livestock slaughter

This act amends the requirements for on-farm livestock slaughter. The act requires a farmer selling livestock for on-farm slaughter to register with the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (AAFM). The number of animals that a farmer can sell annually for on-farm slaughter is increased. Farmers selling livestock for on-farm slaughter are required to report quarterly to the AAFM. If a farmer fails to report, the AAFM may suspend the farmer's authority to conduct on-farm slaughter. The act also extends the sunset of the on-farm slaughter authority until July 1, 2019. In addition, the act requires the AAFM to develop educational materials regarding the availability of and requirements for on-farm livestock slaughter.

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