

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Agriculture to which was referred House Bill No. 860  
3 entitled “An act relating to on-farm livestock slaughter” respectfully reports  
4 that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate propose to the  
5 House that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and  
6 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 6 V.S.A. § 3311a is amended to read:

8 § 3311a. LIVESTOCK; INSPECTION; LICENSING; PERSONAL  
9 SLAUGHTER; ITINERANT SLAUGHTER

10 (a) As used in this section:

11 (1) “Assist in the slaughter of livestock” means the act of slaughtering  
12 or butchering an animal and shall not mean the farmer’s provision of a site on  
13 the farm for slaughter, provision of implements for slaughter, or the service of  
14 disposal of the carcass or offal from slaughter.

15 (2) “Sanitary conditions” means a site on a farm that is:

16 (A) clean and free of contaminants; and

17 (B) located or designed in a way to prevent:

18 (i) the occurrence of water pollution; and

19 (ii) the adulteration of the livestock or the slaughtered meat.

20 (b) The requirement for a license under section 3306 of this title or for  
21 inspection under this chapter shall not apply to the slaughter by an individual  
22 of livestock that the individual raised for the individual’s exclusive use or for

1 the use of members of his or her household and his or her nonpaying guests  
2 and employees.

3 (c) The requirement for a license under section 3306 of this title or for  
4 inspection under this chapter shall not apply to the slaughter of livestock that  
5 occurs in a manner that meets all of the following requirements:

6 (1) an individual purchases livestock from a farmer that raised the  
7 livestock;

8 (2) the farmer is registered with the Secretary, on a form provided by the  
9 Secretary, as selling livestock for slaughter under this subsection;

10 (3) the individual who purchased the livestock performs the act of  
11 slaughtering the livestock;

12 ~~(3)~~(4) the act of slaughter occurs, after approval from the farmer who  
13 sold the livestock, on a site on the farm where the livestock was purchased;

14 ~~(4)~~(5) the slaughter is conducted under sanitary conditions;

15 ~~(5)~~(6) the farmer who sold the livestock to the individual does not assist  
16 in the slaughter of the livestock;

17 ~~(6)~~(7) no more than the following number of livestock per year are  
18 slaughtered under this subsection:

19 (A) ~~40~~ 15 swine;

20 (B) ~~three~~ five cattle;

21 (C) ~~25~~ 40 sheep or goats; or

1 (D) any combination of swine, cattle, sheep, or goats, provided that  
2 no more than ~~3,500~~ 6,000 pounds of the live weight of livestock are  
3 slaughtered per year; ~~and~~

4 ~~(7)~~(8) the farmer who sold the livestock to the individual maintains a  
5 record of each slaughter conducted under this subsection and reports to the  
6 Secretary, on a form provided by the Secretary, on or before the 15th day of  
7 each month regarding all slaughter activity conducted under this subsection in  
8 the previous ~~month~~ calendar quarter. If a farmer fails to report slaughter  
9 activity conducted under this subsection, the Secretary, in addition to any  
10 enforcement action available under this chapter or chapter 1 of this title, may  
11 suspend the authority of the farmer to sell animals to an individual for  
12 slaughter under this subsection; and

13 (9) the slaughtered livestock may be halved or quartered by the  
14 individual who purchased the livestock but solely for the purpose of transport  
15 from the farm.

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17 Sec. 2. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 13 is amended to read:

18 Sec. 13. REPEAL; LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER EXEMPTIONS

19 6 V.S.A. § 3311a (livestock slaughter inspection and license exemptions)

20 shall be repealed on July 1, ~~2016~~ 2019.

1       Sec. 3. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH; ON-FARM SLAUGHTER

2           The Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets, in consultation with  
3       interested parties, shall conduct outreach and education regarding the  
4       availability of and requirements for livestock slaughter under 6 V.S.A.  
5       § 3311a(c). The education and outreach may include educational materials,  
6       workshops, or classes regarding compliance with the requirements of 6 V.S.A.  
7       § 3311a(c).

8       Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

9           This act shall take effect on passage.

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12       (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE