

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 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