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Act No. 52 (S.9). Agriculture; preparation of poultry products; inspection

An act relating to the preparation of poultry products

This act authorizes two new exceptions to the required inspection of the slaughter and preparation of poultry products. The first new exception from inspection authorizes a poultry producer to slaughter and sell up to 5,000 birds a year if the birds are slaughtered under sanitary conditions that ensure the product is not adulterated. The second new exception authorizes a poultry producer to slaughter and sell up to 20,000 birds a year if the poultry producer meets U.S. Department of Agriculture sanitary standards. Under both new exceptions, the poultry products are subject to conditions on sale, including: the sale shall occur entirely within the State; the poultry products shall be sold as whole birds only from the farm, at farmers' markets, and to restaurants; the poultry are healthy when slaughtered; and the poultry products are labeled. The act also requires the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets to approve the label used by a poultry producer selling poultry products slaughtered under one of the two new exceptions.

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