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Rep. Buckholz of Hartford, for the committee on Agriculture & Forestry, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to the preparation of poultry products

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence with proposal of amendment as follows:

First: In Sec. 2, 6 V.S.A. § 3312, by striking out subdivision (c)(2) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(2) As used in this subsection, "sanitary standards, practices, and procedures" means:

- (A) the poultry are slaughtered in a facility that is soundly constructed, kept in good repair, and of sufficient size;
 - (B) rooms or compartments in which an edible product is processed, handled, or stored shall be separated from areas used for slaughter;
 - (C) all food-contact surfaces and nonfood-contact surfaces in the building are cleaned and sanitized as frequently as necessary to prevent the creation of insanitary conditions and the adulteration of the products;
 - (D) pest control shall be adequate to prevent the harborage of pests on the grounds and within the facility;
 - (E) substances used for sanitation and pest control shall be safe and effective under the conditions of use, and shall not be applied or stored in a manner that will result in the contamination of edible products;
 - (F) sewage from human waste shall be disposed of in a sewage system separate from other drainage lines or disposed of through other means sufficient to prevent backup of sewage into areas where the product is processed, handled, or stored;
 - (G) process wastewater should be handled in a manner to prevent the creation of insanitary conditions, which may include through on-farm composting under the required agricultural practices;
 - (H) a supply of potable water of suitable temperature is provided in all areas where required for processing the product, cleaning rooms, cleaning equipment, cleaning utensils, and cleaning packaging materials;
 - (I) equipment and utensils used for processing or handling edible product are of a material that is cleanable and sanitizable;
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- (J) receptacles used for storing inedible material are of such material and construction that their use will not result in adulteration of any edible product or create insanitary conditions;
 - (K) a person working in contact with the poultry products, foodcontact surfaces, and product-packaging material shall maintain hygienic practices; and
 - (L) clothing worn by persons who handle poultry products shall be of material that is cleanable or disposable; clean garments shall be worn at the start of each working day; and garments shall be changed during the day as

often as necessary to prevent adulteration of poultry products or the creation of insanitary conditions.

Second: In Sec. 2, 6 V.S.A. § 3312, by adding a subsection (h) to read as follows:

(h) Approved label. Prior to selling poultry products slaughtered pursuant to the exemption in subsection (c) or (d) of this section, a poultry producer shall submit to the Secretary for approval a copy of the label that the poultry producer proposes to use for compliance with the requirements of subsection (e) of this section.

The bill, having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time, the report of the committee on Agriculture & Forestry agreed to and third reading ordered.

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Senate bill, entitled

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Was taken up and pending third reading of the bill, **Rep. Buckholz of Hartford** moved to propose to the Senate to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 2, 6 V.S.A. § 3312, in subdivision (c)(2)(C), after "nonfoodcontact surfaces in the" and before "are cleaned and sanitized" by striking out "building" and inserting in lieu thereof "facility"

Second: In Sec. 2, 6 V.S.A. § 3312, in subdivision (c)(2)(G) , after "process wastewater" and before "be handled" by striking out "should" and inserting in lieu thereof "shall"

Which was agreed to. Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

**Second Reading; Proposal of Amendment Agreed to;
Third Reading Ordered**