

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Agriculture to which was referred House Bill No. 420  
3 entitled “An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects” respectfully  
4 reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate  
5 propose to the House that the bill be amended by adding under the reader  
6 assistance for Personal and Itinerant Slaughter Secs. 1a and 1b to read:

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

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

11 (1) A person or persons purchases livestock from a farmer who raised  
12 the livestock.

13 (2) The farmer is registered with the Secretary, on a form provided by  
14 the Secretary, as selling livestock for slaughter under this subsection.

15 (3) The individual or individuals who purchased the livestock performs  
16 the act of slaughtering the livestock, as the owner of the livestock.

17 (4) The act of slaughter occurs, after approval from the farmer who sold  
18 the livestock, on a site on the farm where the livestock was purchased.

19 (5) The slaughter is conducted under sanitary conditions.

20 (6) The farmer who sold the livestock to the individual or individuals  
21 does not assist in the slaughter of the livestock.

1           (7) Not more than the following number of livestock per year are  
2           slaughtered under this subsection:

3                   (A) ~~15~~ 30 swine;

4                   (B) ~~five~~ 10 cattle;

5                   (C) ~~40~~ 80 sheep or goats; or

6                   (D) any combination of swine, cattle, sheep, or goats, provided that  
7           not more than ~~6,000~~ 12,000 pounds of the live weight of livestock are  
8           slaughtered per year.

9           (8) The farmer who sold the livestock to the individual or individuals  
10          maintains a record of each slaughter conducted under this subsection and  
11          reports quarterly to the Secretary, on a form provided by the Secretary, on or  
12          before April 15 for the calendar quarter ending March 31, on or before July 15  
13          for the calendar quarter ending June 30, on or before October 15 for the  
14          calendar quarter ending September 30, and on or before January 15 for the  
15          calendar quarter ending December 31. If a farmer fails to report slaughter  
16          activity conducted under this subsection, the Secretary, in addition to any  
17          enforcement action available under this chapter or chapter 1 of this title, may  
18          suspend the authority of the farmer to sell animals to an individual or  
19          individuals for slaughter under this subsection.

1 (9) The slaughtered livestock may be halved or quartered by the  
2 individual or individuals who purchased the livestock but solely for the  
3 purpose of transport from the farm.

4 (10) The livestock is slaughtered according to a humane method, as that  
5 term is defined in subdivision 3131(6) of this title.

6 Sec. 1b. OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL REPORT ON  
7 LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER UNDER ANIMAL SHARE  
8 CONTRACTS

9 The Office of Legislative Counsel, in consultation with the Agency of  
10 Agriculture, Food and Markets and other interested parties, shall review  
11 federal and State law regarding whether the State may exempt the slaughter of  
12 livestock and provision of meat under an animal share contract from the  
13 license and inspection requirements of 6 V.S.A. chapter 204. On or before  
14 December 1, 2021, the Office of Legislative Counsel shall submit its findings  
15 to the Senate Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on  
16 Agriculture and Forestry. The findings shall include proposed draft legislation.

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18 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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20 Senator \_\_\_\_\_

21 FOR THE COMMITTEE