1	H.603
2	Introduced by Representative Surprenant of Barnard
3	Referred to Committee on
4	Date:
5	Subject: Agriculture; preparation of poultry products; exception to inspection
6	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to repeal the
7	requirement that poultry slaughtered under one of the three exceptions to
8	inspection may only be sold as a whole bird from the farm, at a farmers'
9	market, or to a food restaurant.
10	An act relating to the poultry slaughter exception to inspection
11	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
12	Sec. 1. 6 V.S.A. § 3312 is amended to read:
13	§ 3312. INSPECTION; EXCEPTIONS
14	* * *
15	(b) 1,000 bird exemption. Inspection shall not be required for the slaughter
16	or preparation of poultry products of the producer's own raising on the
17	producer's own premises, whether or not they are intended for use as human
18	food if:
19	(1) fewer than 1,000 birds are slaughtered annually;

1	(2) no poultry products are offered for sale or transportation in interstate
2	commerce; and
3	(3) the poultry products are only sold , as whole birds only, from the
4	farm, at a farmers' market, or to a food restaurant licensed by the
5	Commissioner of Health, or are for personal use.
6	(c) 5,000 bird exemption.
7	(1) Inspection shall not be required for the slaughter or preparation of
8	poultry products of the producer's own raising on the producer's own
9	premises, whether or not they are intended for use as human food, if all of the
10	following conditions are satisfied:
11	(A) No Not more than 5,000 birds are slaughtered annually.
12	(B) No poultry products are offered for sale or transportation in
13	interstate commerce.
14	(C) The poultry products are only sold, as whole birds, from the
15	farm, at a farmers' market, directly to household consumers, or to a food
16	restaurant licensed by the Commissioner of Health, or are for personal use.
17	(D) The producer's facility is not used to slaughter or process poultry
18	by any other person or business.
19	(E) The producer does not purchase birds for resale that have been
20	processed under the exemption under this section.
21	(F) The poultry are healthy when slaughtered.

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1	(G) The poultry are slaughtered and otherwise processed and handled
2	under sanitary standards, practices, and procedures that result in the
3	preparation of poultry products that are sound, clean, and fit for human food
4	when distributed by the producer.
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6	(d) 20,000 bird exemption. Inspection shall not be required for the
7	slaughter or preparation of poultry products of the producer's own raising on
8	the producer's own premises, whether or not they are intended for use as
9	human food, if:
10	(1) $\frac{1}{10000000000000000000000000000000000$
11	(2) no birds are offered for sale or transportation in interstate commerce;
12	(3) the poultry products are only sold , as whole birds, from the farm, at a
13	farmers' market, directly to household consumers, or to a food restaurant
14	licensed by the Commissioner of Health, or are for personal use;
15	(4) the producer's facility is not used to slaughter or process poultry by
16	any other person or business;
17	(5) the producer does not purchase birds for resale that have been
18	processed under the exemption under this section;
19	(6) the poultry are healthy when slaughtered; and
20	(7) the poultry are slaughtered and otherwise processed and handled
21	according to the sanitary performance standards of 9 C.F.R. §§ 416.1–416.17.

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- 2 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 3 <u>This act shall take effect on passage.</u>