

SENATE BILL NO. 114

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:4215(B)(2) and 4222(C) and to enact R.S. 3:4215(E), relative to meat and poultry inspection; to provide relative to the preparation of carcasses, parts thereof, meat and meat food products; to provide relative to what constitutes a person or business; to provide relative to voluntary inspection services; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 3:4215(B)(2) and 4222(C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 3:4215(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§4215. Exemption; farmers, custom, retailers, restaurants, and similar retail type establishments

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B. The provisions of this Chapter requiring inspection of the preparation of carcasses, parts thereof, meat and meat food products shall not apply when all of the following apply:

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(2) The operations are conducted at a retail store, restaurant, or similar retail type establishment, owned by the same person that operates the facility. **For the purpose of this Section, a person or business shall be considered eligible by owning fifty-one per centum or more of both the producing and receiving businesses.**

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E. Voluntary Inspection Services

(1) An establishment that slaughters or otherwise prepares meat of bison, cervidae, other bovidae, camelidae and hybrids thereof, domestic rabbits, or other animals determined by the commissioner of agriculture by rule for human food purposes may receive voluntary state inspection if the establishment complies with Title 3 Chapter 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and the rules adopted under those sections for establishments that slaughter or otherwise prepare for food purposes other animals and if the establishment complies with Paragraph (3) of this Subsection.

(2) An establishment that slaughters or otherwise prepares the meat of pheasant, quail, partridge, peafowl, grouse, wild turkey, or other poultry determined by the commissioner of agriculture by rule may receive voluntary state inspection under conditions compliant with Title 3 Chapter 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and the rules adopted under those sections for establishments that slaughter or otherwise prepare for food purposes other poultry and if the establishment complies with Paragraph (3) of this Subsection.

(3) An establishment that receives voluntary state inspection under Paragraphs (1) or (2) of this Subsection shall pay the costs of the inspection at a rate and under terms established by rule of the commissioner of agriculture.

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§4222. Federal and state cooperation; designated authority

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C. The commissioner of agriculture shall serve as the representative of the governor in all consultations and negotiations with the secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture concerning the development and implementation of this Chapter and the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act. ~~The Louisiana Board of Animal Health shall advise the commissioner on all aspects of all consultations with the federal secretary and on all other aspects of the enforcement of the provisions of this Chapter.~~

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1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____