

CHAPTER 74

AGRICULTURE

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AN ACT

CONCERNING THE SALE OF ANIMALS FOR CONSUMPTION TO INFORMED END CONSUMERS IN A MANNER THAT EXEMPTS THE SALE FROM CERTAIN LAWS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-4-1617 as follows:

25-4-1617. Animal shares and meat sales by farmers and ranchers - short title - definitions. (1) **Short title.** THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS SECTION IS THE "RANCH TO PLATE ACT".

(2) **Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(a) (I) "ANIMAL" INCLUDES CATTLE, CALVES, SHEEP, ELK, BISON, GOATS, HOGS, AND RABBITS.

(II) "ANIMAL" DOES NOT INCLUDE FISH.

(b) "ANIMAL SHARE" MEANS AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST OF AT LEAST ONE PERCENT IN THE MEAT OF A LIVE ANIMAL.

(c) "INFORMED END CONSUMER" MEANS A PERSON THAT IS THE LAST PERSON TO PURCHASE A PRODUCT, THAT DOES NOT RESELL THE PRODUCT, AND THAT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE SELLER IN COMPLIANCE WITH SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION THAT THE PRODUCT IS NOT REGULATED OR INSPECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR A

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COUNTY OR DISTRICT PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY.

(3) **Sale exempt from licensure or inspection.** SECTIONS 25-4-1604 TO 25-4-1613 DO NOT APPLY TO A SALE OF ANIMALS, ANIMAL SHARES, OR MEAT UNDER THIS SECTION IF:

(a) THE PERSON MAKING THE SALE EITHER GIVES THE PURCHASER A DOCUMENT AT, OR CONSPICUOUSLY DISPLAYS A PLACARD, SIGN, OR CARD AT, THE POINT OF SALE WITH THE FOLLOWING DISCLAIMER: "THE SELLER OF THIS MEAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO LICENSURE, AND THE SALE OF ANIMALS OR MEAT FROM THIS SELLER IS NOT SUBJECT TO STATE REGULATION OR INSPECTION BY A PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY. ANIMALS OR MEAT PURCHASED FROM THIS SELLER ARE NOT INTENDED FOR RESALE."; AND

(b) THE ANIMAL, ANIMAL SHARES, AND MEAT BEING SOLD:

(I) ARE DELIVERED DIRECTLY FROM THE SELLER TO AN INFORMED END CONSUMER; AND

(II) ARE SOLD ONLY IN COLORADO.

(4) **Authorization to sell certain types of meat and animal shares.** (a) A PERSON THAT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION MAY SELL:

(I) RABBIT MEAT TO AN INFORMED END CONSUMER IF THE MEAT IS DERIVED FROM AN ANIMAL RAISED BY THE PERSON AND THE ANIMAL IS SLAUGHTERED AND BUTCHERED BY THE PERSON; OR

(II) ANIMAL SHARES OF AT LEAST ONE PERCENT OF A LIVE ANIMAL TO AN INFORMED END CONSUMER FOR FUTURE DELIVERY AS AGREED TO BETWEEN THE PERSON AND THE INFORMED END CONSUMER.

(b) THE OWNER OF AN ANIMAL, AN ANIMAL SHARE, OR MEAT MAY HAVE THE ANIMAL, ANIMAL SHARE, OR MEAT COMMERCIALY SLAUGHTERED, BUTCHERED, OR PROCESSED. PROCESSING MAY INCLUDE MAKING VALUE-ADDED MEAT PRODUCTS, SUCH AS SAUSAGE OR JERKY.

(5) **Resale prohibited.** A PERSON THAT PURCHASES, UNDER THIS SECTION, ANIMALS, ANIMAL SHARES, OR MEAT SHALL NOT RESELL THE ANIMALS, ANIMAL SHARES, OR MEAT.

(6) **Liability.** A PERSON THAT SELLS, UNDER THIS SECTION, ANIMALS, ANIMAL SHARES, OR MEAT IS NOT LIABLE IN A CIVIL ACTION FOR ANY DAMAGES CAUSED BY INADEQUATELY COOKING OR IMPROPERLY PREPARING FOR CONSUMPTION ANIMALS, ANIMAL SHARES, OR MEAT.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-53-101, **add** (3) as follows:

35-53-101. Brand inspection fee - animal shares - minimum fee - waiver permit - rules - definition. (3) (a) WHEN PERFORMING AN INSPECTION OF LIVESTOCK SOLD AS ANIMAL SHARES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 25-4-1617, AN

AUTHORIZED COLORADO BRAND INSPECTOR SHALL INSPECT THE LIVESTOCK ONLY ONCE IMMEDIATELY BEFORE SLAUGHTER NOTWITHSTANDING THE LIVESTOCK BEING SOLD TO MULTIPLE PURCHASERS.

(b) THE STATE BOARD OF STOCK INSPECTION COMMISSIONERS SHALL PROMULGATE RULES IMPLEMENTING THIS SUBSECTION (3), INCLUDING ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR A SINGLE BRAND INSPECTION BEFORE SLAUGHTER OF LIVESTOCK INTENDED TO BE SOLD AS ANIMAL SHARES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 25-4-1617.

(c) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (3), "ANIMAL SHARE" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 25-4-1617 (2)(b).

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

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