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SENATE BILL 23-152

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE REGULATION OF THE**
102 **CUSTOM PROCESSING OF MEAT ANIMALS, AND, IN CONNECTION**
103 **THEREWITH, IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE**
104 **2022 SUNSET REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY**
105 **AGENCIES.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

Sunset Process - Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee. The bill implements the recommendations of the department

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of regulatory agencies, as contained in the department's 2022 sunset review of the "Custom Processing of Meat Animals Act" (act), by:

- Continuing the act for 9 years, to September 2032 (**sections 1 and 2**);
- Repealing obsolete provisions that concern the use of a stakeholder process to develop poultry labeling requirements (**section 3**);
- Consolidating statutory provisions imposing civil penalties for a violation into one provision (**section 4**);
- Standardizing criminal penalties by reducing the penalty for a violation of the act or a rule promulgated under the act from a class 2 misdemeanor with a fine of \$750 and up to 364 days imprisonment to a petty offense, which is up to a \$300 fine or 10 days in jail (**section 5**); and
- Directing that civil penalties be credited to the general fund (**section 6**).

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal**
3 (24)(a)(VI); and **add** (33)(a)(IV) as follows:

4 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
5 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**
6 **declaration - repeal.** (24) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,
7 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2023:

8 (VI) ~~The regulation of the custom processing of meat animals by~~
9 ~~the department of agriculture in accordance with article 33 of title 35;~~

10 (33) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled
11 for repeal on September 1, 2032:

12 (IV) THE REGULATION OF THE CUSTOM PROCESSING OF MEAT
13 ANIMALS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
14 ARTICLE 33 OF TITLE 35.

15 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 35-33-407 as
16 follows:

1 **35-33-407. Repeal of article.** This article 33 is repealed, effective
2 ~~September 1, 2023~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2032. Before its repeal, the licensing
3 functions of the department are scheduled for review in accordance with
4 section 24-34-104.

5 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-33-301, **amend**
6 (3)(a); and **repeal** (3)(c), (3)(d), and (3)(e) as follows:

7 **35-33-301. Sale of poultry - labeling - rules.** (3) (a) The
8 commissioner ~~or his or her designee shall~~ MAY convene, AS NEEDED, a
9 stakeholder group, including representatives from the Colorado
10 department of public health and environment, retail food establishments,
11 liability insurance companies, poultry farmers, poultry suppliers,
12 processors operating under this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 33, and any other
13 interested party.

14 (c) ~~The department shall convene the first meeting with the~~
15 ~~stakeholders no later than July 1, 2016, and as needed thereafter.~~

16 (d) ~~The department shall meet with the stakeholders to develop a~~
17 ~~regulatory framework for the processing of poultry that is sold to retail~~
18 ~~food establishments, as defined in section 25-4-1602 (14), C.R.S.~~

19 (e) ~~On or before November 30, 2016, the commissioner or his or~~
20 ~~her designee shall prepare a report of the findings and conclusions of the~~
21 ~~study and shall present the report to all stakeholders and others upon~~
22 ~~request.~~

23 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-33-405, **amend**
24 (2) and (6); and **repeal** (1) as follows:

25 **35-33-405. Violations - civil penalties - disposition.** (1) ~~In~~
26 ~~addition to the criminal penalty prescribed in section 35-33-406, any~~
27 ~~person who violates this article or any rule promulgated under this article~~

1 ~~shall also be subject to a civil penalty of not more than seven hundred~~
2 ~~fifty dollars per violation for each day of violation.~~

3 (2) IN ADDITION TO THE CRIMINAL PENALTY PRESCRIBED IN
4 SECTION 35-33-406, any person who violates this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 33 or
5 any rule promulgated under this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 33 is subject to a civil
6 penalty, as determined by the commissioner or a court of competent
7 jurisdiction. The maximum penalty shall not exceed seven hundred fifty
8 dollars per violation; except that ~~such~~ THE penalty may be doubled if it is
9 determined, after notice and an opportunity for hearing, that the person
10 has violated the provision or rule for the second OR SUBSEQUENT time.
11 Each day the violation occurs ~~shall constitute~~ CONSTITUTES a separate
12 violation.

13 (6) Any penalty collected under this section ~~shall be transmitted~~
14 ~~to the state treasurer, who shall credit the same to the inspection and~~
15 ~~consumer services cash fund created in section 35-1-106.5~~ IS CREDITED
16 TO THE GENERAL FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-75-201.

17 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 35-33-406 as
18 follows:

19 **35-33-406. Violations - criminal penalty.** Any person who
20 violates this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 33 or any rule promulgated under this ~~article~~
21 ARTICLE 33 commits a ~~class 2 misdemeanor~~ PETTY OFFENSE and shall be
22 punished as provided in section ~~18-1.3-501~~, C.R.S. 18-1.3-503.

23 **SECTION 6. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
24 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
25 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
26 general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant
27 to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an

1 item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,
2 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the
3 general election to be held in November 2024 and, in such case, will take
4 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the
5 governor.

6 (2) Sections 4 and 5 of this act apply to offenses committed on or
7 after the applicable effective date of this act.