

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

SENATE BILL NO. 2220
(Senators Erbele, Christmann, Seymour)
(Representatives Froseth, F. Klein, Onstad)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 36-24-01 and 36-24-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to poultry inspections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 36-24-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

36-24-01. Definitions. In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Adulterated" means a whole carcass, part of a carcass, or meat food product:
 - a. That bears or contains a poisonous or harmful substance that may render it injurious to health;
 - b. That bears or contains a chemical pesticide that is unsafe under the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act [21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.];
 - c. That bears or contains a food or color additive that is unsafe under the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act [21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.];
 - d. That contains a filthy, putrid, or decomposed substance or is for any other reason unfit for human food;
 - e. That has been prepared, packed, or held under unsanitary conditions;
 - f. That is wholly or partly the product of an animal that has died in a manner other than slaughter;
 - g. The container of which is wholly or partly composed of a poisonous or harmful substance that may make the contents harmful to health;
 - h. That has been intentionally subjected to radiation, unless the use of the radiation conformed with a regulation or exemption in effect under the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act [21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.];
 - i. That is damaged or inferior and that damage or inferiority has been concealed; or
 - j. That has had a substance added to it or mixed or packed with it so as to increase its bulk or weight, or make it appear better than or of greater value than it is.
2. "Animal" includes cattle, swine, sheep, goats, farmed cervidae, llama, ~~rabbit~~, horses, equines, ~~and~~ other large domesticated animals, ~~not including~~ and poultry.
3. "Commissioner" means the agriculture commissioner.
4. "Container" includes a can, pot, tin, canvas, or other receptacle containing a meat food product.
5. "Custom processing" means slaughtering, eviscerating, dressing, or processing an animal or processing meat products for the owner of the animal or of the meat products, if all meat

products derived from the custom operation are returned to the owner of the animal or of the meat products.

6. "Intrastate commerce" means commerce within this state.
7. "Meat food product" means a product usable as human food and made wholly or in part from meat or a portion of an animal carcass. The term does not include any product that contains meat or other portions of the carcasses of animals in a relatively small proportion or which historically have not been considered by consumers as a product of the meat food industry, and which is not represented as a meat food product.
8. "Poultry" includes domesticated chickens, ducks, geese, pheasants, quail, ratites, and turkeys.
9. "Prepared" means slaughtered, canned, salted, rendered, boned, cut up, or otherwise manufactured or processed.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 36-24-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

36-24-10. Individual and custom processing.

1. This chapter does not apply to an individual processing the individual's own animals and the individual's preparation and transportation in intrastate commerce of the whole carcasses, parts of carcasses, and meat food products provided the animals are for the exclusive use of the individual, members of the individual's household, the individual's nonpaying guests, and employees.
2. This chapter does not apply to the custom processing by a person of animals delivered by the owner for processing, and the preparation or transportation in intrastate commerce of the whole carcasses, parts of carcasses, and meat food products of the animals, provided that the products are to be used exclusively in the household of the animal's owner by the owner and members of the owner's household, nonpaying guests, and employees.
3. A custom processor may not engage in the business of buying or selling whole carcasses, parts of carcasses, or meat food products of animals, other than poultry, usable as human food unless the whole carcasses, parts of carcasses, or meat food products have been inspected and passed and are identified as inspected and passed by the commissioner or the United States department of agriculture.
4. The provisions of this chapter requiring inspection of the preparation of poultry carcasses and parts thereof, and poultry food products at establishments conducting those operations do not apply to any retailer with respect to poultry products sold in commerce directly to consumers in an individual retail store, provided that the retailer does not engage in the business of custom slaughter, and provided that the poultry products sold in commerce are derived from poultry inspected and passed by the commissioner or the United States department of agriculture.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2220.

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 0 Absent 2

House Vote: Yeas 91 Nays 0 Absent 3

Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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Secretary of State