

2015 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 178

BY SENATOR AMEDEE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AGRICULTURE/FOREST DEPT. Provides relative to meat and poultry inspection. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:4201(3) and 4215(B) and to enact R.S. 3:4201(23), relative to  
3 meat and poultry inspection; to provide relative to definitions; to provide for certain  
4 exemptions to inspection requirements; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 3:4201(3) and 4215(B) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
7 3:4201(23) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §4201. Definitions

9 As used in this Chapter, except as otherwise specified, the following terms  
10 shall have the meanings stated below:

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12 (3) The term "meat broker" means any person, firm or corporation engaged  
13 in the business of buying or selling carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat, or meat food  
14 products of cattle, sheep, poultry, swine, goats, horses, mules or other equines on  
15 commission, or otherwise negotiating purchases, ~~or sales,~~ **or transactions** of such  
16 articles other than for his own account or as an employee of another person, firm or  
17 corporation.

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(23) The term "intervening transfer or storage" means no longer in possession of meat products.

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

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

(1) Operations are of types traditionally and usually conducted at retail stores, ~~and~~ restaurants, and similar retail type establishments, and

(2) When said operations are conducted at a retail store, restaurant, or similar retail type establishment, owned by the same person that operates the facility, and

(3) Are for sale in normal retail quantities, or are part of a normal retail service, and

(4) Are sold or provided to consumers at such establishments, and

(5) Are sold and transported directly to the consumer by the retail store, restaurant, or similar retail type establishment's employees or a common carrier, provided there is no intervening transfer or storage.

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Curry Lann.

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## DIGEST

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Present law defines the term "meat broker" as any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of buying or selling carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat, or meat food products of cattle, sheep, poultry, swine, goats, horses, mules or other equines on commission, or otherwise negotiating purchases or sales of such articles other than for his own account or as an employee of another person, firm or corporation.

Proposed law expands the definition of "meat broker" to include a person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of buying or selling carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat, or meat food products of cattle, sheep, poultry, swine, goats, horses, mules or other equines conducting transactions and otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law defines "intervening transfer or storage" as no longer in possession of meat products.

Present law (R.S. 3:4215) provides for exemptions to inspection requirements for the slaughter of animals and the preparation of carcasses.

Proposed law clarifies that retail type establishments are exempt from inspections in certain circumstances.

Proposed law additionally exempts meat and meat food products sold and transported directly to the consumer by a retail store, restaurant, or similar retail type establishment's employees or a common carrier without intervening transfer or storage from the inspection requirements.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 3:4201(3) and 4215 (B); adds R.S. 3:4201(23))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by SenateCommittee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill

1. Technical amendments only.