

House Bill 815 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Rhodes of the 120th, McCall of the 33rd, Broadrick of the 4th, Williams of the 119th, Knight of the 130th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to meat inspection, so as to provide for the inspection and regulation of certain avian
3 meat products and facilities related to the processing of such products for human
4 consumption; to provide for uniformity; to remove an obsolete provision relating to
5 enforcement responsibility; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
6 other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to meat
10 inspection, is amended in Code Section 26-2-62, relating to definitions relative to meat
11 inspection, by revising paragraph (13.1) as follows:

12 "(13.1) 'Nontraditional livestock' means:

- 13 (A) ~~the~~ The species of Artiodactyla (even-toed ungulates) listed as antelope, bison,
- 14 buffalo, catalo, elk, deer other than white-tailed deer, and water buffalo that are held
- 15 and possessed legally under the wild animal provisions of Chapter 5 of Title 27; and
- 16 (B) Any avian species which are grown commercially for slaughter and preparation as
- 17 human food but are not amenable to the Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act;
- 18 provided, however, that such term shall not include any such avian species raised for
- 19 recreational purposes which are not sold at wholesale or retail."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 26-2-64, relating to applicability,
22 as follows:

23 "26-2-64.

24 ~~The requirements of this article shall apply to persons, firms, corporations, establishments,~~
25 ~~animals, and articles regulated under the Federal Meat Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. Section~~

26 ~~601, et seq., only to the extent provided for in said federal act.~~ Consistent with said federal
27 ~~act~~ the Federal Meat Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. Section 601, et seq., the Commissioner may
28 exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the secretary of agriculture of the United States and
29 may enforce this article and any regulations promulgated pursuant thereto without regard
30 to licensing agency."

31 **SECTION 3.**

32 Said article is further amended in Code Section 26-2-106, relating to inspection of meat and
33 meat food products in retail and other service establishments, by revising subsection (c) as
34 follows:

35 ~~"(c) It shall be the responsibility of the consumer protection division field force sanitarian~~
36 ~~to supervise and enforce this Code section."~~

37 **SECTION 4.**

38 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.