

# State of Tennessee

# **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 854**

## **HOUSE BILL NO. 1807**

## By Representatives Hawk, Casada, Halford, Cooper

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2231

#### By Senators Norris, Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53, Chapter 1, relative to produce safety.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53, Chapter 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated part:

#### (a) As used in this part:

- (1) "Administration" means the United States food and drug administration;
  - (2) "Department" means the department of agriculture; and
- (3) "Standards" means the standards for the growing, harvesting, packing, and holding of produce for human consumption, compiled in 21 CFR Part 112.
- (b) The department is authorized to cooperate with the administration under the standards.
  - (c) In furtherance of its responsibilities under this part the department may:
  - (1) Conduct inspections and take other actions reasonably necessary to assist the administration in enforcing the standards;
  - (2) Enter into cooperative agreements with the administration to implement provisions of the standards; and
  - (3) Promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this part, in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.
- (d) No state funds shall be expended for the purposes of enforcing the standards against agricultural producers that only make sales of produce to:
  - (1) The consumer of the produce; or
  - (2) A restaurant or retail food establishment that is located in this state or not more than two hundred seventy-five (275) miles away from the farm where the produce was produced.
- (e) The department shall not expend more funds to cooperate with the administration under the standards than the amount of funds that are provided to this state by the federal government for such purposes.
  - (f) This part shall cease to be effective on June 30, 2021.
- SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

PASSED: April 23, 2018

BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RANDY MCNALLY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 3<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018

BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR