

SENATE BILL 2231

By Norris

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.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.