

SENATE BILL 2622

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5;
Title 6; Title 7; Title 43; Title 44 and Title 53,
relative to the location of agricultural operations.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-1-118(b), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (b)(1) and adding the following new subdivision:

(2) For purposes of subdivision (b)(1), "normal agricultural activities" include:

(A) Any purpose within the meaning of "agriculture", as defined in §§ 1-3-105 and 43-1-113;

(B) The construction and operation of a milk creamery or dairy bottling plant; and

(C) The construction and operation of a custom slaughterer, as defined in § 53-7-202, or a commercial slaughterhouse that is subject to inspection under the federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. § 601 et seq.), if the custom slaughterer or commercial slaughterhouse kills one hundred (100) or less animal units per week. As used in this subdivision (b)(2)(C), "animal unit" means one (1) cow, two (2) hogs, or four (4) sheep.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-54-126, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following new subsection:

(b) For purposes of subsection (a), "agricultural purposes" include:

(1) Any purpose within the meaning of "agriculture", as defined in §§ 1-3-105 and 43-1-113;

(2) The construction and operation of a milk creamery or dairy bottling plant; and

(3) The construction and operation of a custom slaughterer, as defined in § 53-7-202, or a commercial slaughterhouse that is subject to inspection under the federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. § 601 et seq.), if the custom slaughterer or commercial slaughterhouse kills one hundred (100) or less animal units per week. As used in this subdivision (b)(3), "animal unit" means one (1) cow, two (2) hogs, or four (4) sheep.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.