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**By** House Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources  
(originally sponsored by Representative Blake)

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1            AN ACT Relating to commercial egg layer operations; amending RCW  
2 69.25.010, 69.25.065, 69.25.070, 69.25.103, 69.25.107, and 69.25.110;  
3 reenacting and amending RCW 69.25.020; and creating new sections.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    The legislature finds that the purpose of  
6 this act is to improve the regulation of egg production and sales in  
7 order to protect the health and welfare of consumers, promote food  
8 safety, advance animal welfare, and protect against the negative  
9 fiscal effects on the state associated with the lack of effective  
10 regulation of egg production and sales.

11           **Sec. 2.**    RCW 69.25.010 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 201 s 2 are each  
12 amended to read as follows:

13           Eggs and egg products are an important source of the state's  
14 total supply of food, and are used in food in various forms. They are  
15 consumed throughout the state and the major portion thereof moves in  
16 intrastate commerce. It is essential, in the public interest, that  
17 the health and welfare of consumers be protected by the adoption of  
18 measures prescribed herein for assuring that eggs and egg products  
19 distributed to them and used in products consumed by them are  
20 wholesome, otherwise not adulterated, and properly labeled and

1 packaged. Lack of effective regulation for the handling or  
2 disposition of unwholesome, otherwise adulterated, or improperly  
3 labeled or packaged egg products and certain qualities of eggs is  
4 injurious to the public welfare and destroys markets for wholesome,  
5 unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged eggs and egg  
6 products and results in sundry losses to producers and processors, as  
7 well as injury to consumers. Unwholesome, otherwise adulterated, or  
8 improperly labeled or packaged products can be sold at lower prices  
9 and compete unfairly with the wholesome, unadulterated, and properly  
10 labeled and packaged products, to the detriment of consumers and the  
11 public generally. It is also essential to protect the health and  
12 welfare of consumers, promote food safety, advance animal welfare,  
13 and protect against the negative fiscal effects on the state  
14 associated with the lack of effective regulation of egg production  
15 and sales. It is hereby found that all egg products and the qualities  
16 of eggs which are regulated under this chapter are either in  
17 intrastate commerce, or substantially affect such commerce, and that  
18 regulation by the director, as contemplated by this chapter, is  
19 appropriate to protect the health and welfare of consumers.

20 **Sec. 3.** RCW 69.25.020 and 2013 c 144 s 44 are each reenacted and  
21 amended to read as follows:

22 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
23 unless the context clearly otherwise requires.

24 (1) "Adulterated" applies to any egg or egg product under one or  
25 more of the following circumstances:

26 (a) If it bears or contains any poisonous or deleterious  
27 substance that may render it injurious to health; but in case the  
28 substance is not an added substance, such article is not considered  
29 adulterated under this clause if the quantity of such substance in or  
30 on such article does not ordinarily render it injurious to health;

31 (b) If it bears or contains any added poisonous or added  
32 deleterious substance (other than one which is: (i) A pesticide  
33 chemical in or on a raw agricultural commodity; (ii) a food additive;  
34 or (iii) a color additive) which may, in the judgment of the  
35 director, make such article unfit for human food;

36 (c) If it is, in whole or in part, a raw agricultural commodity  
37 and such commodity bears or contains a pesticide chemical (~~which is~~  
38 ~~unsafe within the meaning of RCW 69.04.392, as enacted or hereafter~~

1 ~~amended))~~ that renders it adulterated within the meaning of RCW  
2 15.130.200(2);

3 (d) If it bears or contains any food additive (~~which is unsafe~~  
4 ~~within the meaning of RCW 69.04.394, as enacted or hereafter~~  
5 ~~amended))~~ that renders it adulterated within the meaning of RCW  
6 15.130.200(2);

7 (e) If it bears or contains any color additive (~~which is unsafe~~  
8 ~~within the meaning of RCW 69.04.396))~~ that renders it adulterated  
9 within the meaning of RCW 15.130.200(2); however, an article which is  
10 not otherwise deemed adulterated under (c), (d), or (e) of this  
11 subsection are nevertheless deemed adulterated if use of the  
12 pesticide chemical, food additive, or color additive, in or on such  
13 article, is prohibited by regulations of the director in official  
14 plants;

15 (f) If it consists in whole or in part of any filthy, putrid, or  
16 decomposed substance, or if it is otherwise unfit for human food;

17 (g) If it consists in whole or in part of any damaged egg or eggs  
18 to the extent that the egg meat or white is leaking, or it has been  
19 contacted by egg meat or white leaking from other eggs;

20 (h) If it has been prepared, packaged, or held under insanitary  
21 conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth, or  
22 whereby it may have been rendered injurious to health;

23 (i) If it is an egg which has been subjected to incubation or the  
24 product of any egg which has been subjected to incubation;

25 (j) If its container is composed, in whole or in part, of any  
26 poisonous or deleterious substance which may render the contents  
27 injurious to health;

28 (k) If it has been intentionally subjected to radiation, unless  
29 the use of the radiation was in conformity with a regulation or  
30 exemption in effect (~~pursuant to RCW 69.04.394~~) under chapter  
31 15.130 RCW; or

32 (l) If any valuable constituent has been in whole or in part  
33 omitted or abstracted therefrom; or if any substance has been  
34 substituted, wholly or in part therefor; or if damage or inferiority  
35 has been concealed in any manner; or if any substance has been added  
36 thereto or mixed or packed therewith so as to increase its bulk or  
37 weight, or reduce its quality or strength, or make it appear better  
38 or of greater value than it is.

39 (2) "Ambient temperature" means the atmospheric temperature  
40 surrounding or encircling shell eggs.

1 (3) "At retail" means any transaction in intrastate commerce  
2 between a retailer and a consumer.

3 (4) "Business licensing system" means the mechanism established  
4 by chapter 19.02 RCW by which business licenses, endorsed for  
5 individual state-issued licenses, are issued and renewed utilizing a  
6 business license application and a business license expiration date  
7 common to each renewable license endorsement.

8 (5) "Candling" means the examination of the interior of eggs by  
9 the use of transmitted light used in a partially dark room or place.

10 (6) "Capable of use as human food" applies to any egg or egg  
11 product unless it is denatured, or otherwise identified, as required  
12 by regulations prescribed by the director, to deter its use as human  
13 food.

14 (7) "Check" means an egg that has a broken shell or crack in the  
15 shell but has its shell membranes intact and contents not leaking.

16 (8) "Clean and sound shell egg" means any egg whose shell is free  
17 of adhering dirt or foreign material and is not cracked or broken.

18 (9) "Consumer" means any person who purchases eggs or egg  
19 products for his or her own family use or consumption; or any  
20 restaurant, hotel, boarding house, bakery, or other institution or  
21 concern which purchases eggs or egg products for serving to guests or  
22 patrons thereof, or for its own use in cooking or baking.

23 (10) "Container" or "package" includes any box, can, tin,  
24 plastic, or other receptacle, wrapper, or cover.

25 (11) "Department" means the department of agriculture of the  
26 state of Washington.

27 (12) "Director" means the director of the department or his duly  
28 authorized representative.

29 (13) "Dirty egg" means an egg that has a shell that is unbroken  
30 and has adhering dirt or foreign material.

31 (14) "Egg" means the shell egg of the domesticated chicken,  
32 turkey, duck, goose, or guinea, or any other specie of fowl.

33 (15) "Egg handler" or "dealer" means any person who produces,  
34 contracts for or obtains possession or control of any eggs or egg  
35 products for the purpose of sale to another dealer or retailer, or  
36 for processing and sale to a dealer, retailer or consumer. For the  
37 purpose of this chapter, "sell" or "sale" includes the following:  
38 Offer for sale, expose for sale, have in possession for sale,  
39 exchange, barter, trade, or as an inducement for the sale of another  
40 product.

1 (16) (a) "Egg product" means any dried, frozen, or liquid eggs,  
2 with or without added ingredients, excepting products which contain  
3 eggs only in a relatively small proportion, or historically have not  
4 been, in the judgment of the director, considered by consumers as  
5 products of the egg food industry, and which may be exempted by the  
6 director under such conditions as the director may prescribe to  
7 assure that the egg ingredients are not adulterated and are not  
8 represented as egg products.

9 (b) The following products are not included in the definition of  
10 "egg product" if they are prepared from eggs or egg products that  
11 have been either inspected by the United States department of  
12 agriculture or by the department under a cooperative agreement with  
13 the United States department of agriculture: Freeze-dried products,  
14 imitation egg products, egg substitutes, dietary foods, dried no-bake  
15 custard mixes, eggnog mixes, acidic dressings, noodles, milk and egg  
16 dip, cake mixes, French toast, balut and other similar ethnic  
17 delicacies, and sandwiches containing eggs or egg products.

18 (17) "Immediate container" means any consumer package, or any  
19 other container in which egg products, not consumer-packaged, are  
20 packed.

21 (18) "Incubator reject" means an egg that has been subjected to  
22 incubation and has been removed from incubation during the hatching  
23 operations as infertile or otherwise unhatchable.

24 (19) "Inedible" means eggs of the following descriptions: Black  
25 rots, yellow rots, white rots, mixed rots (addled eggs), sour eggs,  
26 eggs with green whites, eggs with stuck yolks, moldy eggs, musty  
27 eggs, eggs showing blood rings, and eggs containing embryo chicks (at  
28 or beyond the blood ring stage).

29 (20) "Inspection" means the application of such inspection  
30 methods and techniques as are deemed necessary by the director to  
31 carry out the provisions of this chapter.

32 (21) "Inspector" means any employee or official of the department  
33 authorized to inspect eggs or egg products under the authority of  
34 this chapter.

35 (22) "Intrastate commerce" means any eggs or egg products in  
36 intrastate commerce, whether such eggs or egg products are intended  
37 for sale, held for sale, offered for sale, sold, stored, transported,  
38 or handled in this state in any manner and prepared for eventual  
39 distribution in this state, whether at wholesale or retail.

1 (23) "Leaker" means an egg that has a crack or break in the shell  
2 and shell membranes to the extent that the egg contents are exposed  
3 or are exuding or free to exude through the shell.

4 (24) "Loss" means an egg that is unfit for human food because it  
5 is smashed or broken so that its contents are leaking; or overheated,  
6 frozen, or contaminated; or an incubator reject; or because it  
7 contains a bloody white, large meat spots, a large quantity of blood,  
8 or other foreign material.

9 (25) "Misbranded" applies to egg products that are not labeled  
10 and packaged in accordance with the requirements prescribed by  
11 regulations of the director under RCW 69.25.100.

12 (26) "Official certificate" means any certificate prescribed by  
13 regulations of the director for issuance by an inspector or other  
14 person performing official functions under this chapter.

15 (27) "Official device" means any device prescribed or authorized  
16 by the director for use in applying any official mark.

17 (28) "Official inspection legend" means any symbol prescribed by  
18 regulations of the director showing that egg products were inspected  
19 in accordance with this chapter.

20 (29) "Official mark" means the official inspection legend or any  
21 other symbol prescribed by regulations of the director to identify  
22 the status of any article under this chapter.

23 (30) "Official plant" means any plant which is licensed under the  
24 provisions of this chapter, at which inspection of the processing of  
25 egg products is maintained by the United States department of  
26 agriculture or by the state under cooperative agreements with the  
27 United States department of agriculture or by the state.

28 (31) "Official standards" means the standards of quality, grades,  
29 and weight classes for eggs, adopted under the provisions of this  
30 chapter.

31 (32) "Pasteurize" means the subjecting of each particle of egg  
32 products to heat or other treatments to destroy harmful, viable  
33 microorganisms by such processes as may be prescribed by regulations  
34 of the director.

35 (33) "Person" means any natural person, firm, partnership,  
36 exchange, association, trustee, receiver, corporation, and any  
37 member, officer, or employee thereof, or assignee for the benefit of  
38 creditors.

39 (34) "Pesticide chemical," "food additive," "color additive," and  
40 "raw agricultural commodity" have the same meaning for purposes of

1 this chapter as (~~prescribed in chapter 69.04 RCW~~) defined in  
2 chapter 15.130 RCW.

3 (35) "Plant" means any place of business where egg products are  
4 processed.

5 (36) "Processing" means manufacturing egg products, including  
6 breaking eggs or filtering, mixing, blending, pasteurizing,  
7 stabilizing, cooling, freezing, drying, or packaging egg products.

8 (37) "Restricted egg" means any check, dirty egg, incubator  
9 reject, inedible, leaker, or loss.

10 (38) "Retailer" means any person in intrastate commerce who sells  
11 eggs or egg products to a consumer.

12 (39) "Shipping container" means any container used in packaging a  
13 product packed in an immediate container.

14 (40) "Cage-free housing system" means an indoor or outdoor  
15 controlled environment for egg-laying hens within which:

16 (a) Hens are free to roam unrestricted except by external walls;

17 (b) Hens are provided enrichments that allow them to exhibit  
18 natural behaviors including, at a minimum, scratch areas, perches,  
19 nest boxes, and dust bathing areas; and

20 (c) Farm employees can provide care while standing somewhere  
21 within the hens' usable floor space.

22 (41) "Egg-laying hen" means any female domesticated chicken,  
23 turkey, duck, goose, or guinea fowl kept for the purpose of egg  
24 production.

25 (42) "Usable floor space" means the total square footage of floor  
26 space provided to each egg-laying hen, calculated by dividing the  
27 total square footage of floor space in an enclosure by the number of  
28 hens in that enclosure. "Usable floor space" includes ground space  
29 and elevated level or nearly level platforms to accommodate egg flow  
30 upon which hens can roost, but does not include perches or ramps.

31 **Sec. 4.** RCW 69.25.065 and 2011 c 306 s 3 are each amended to  
32 read as follows:

33 (1) All new and renewal applications submitted under RCW  
34 69.25.050 before January 1, (~~2026~~) 2024, must include proof that  
35 all eggs and egg products provided in intrastate commerce by the  
36 applicant are produced by commercial egg layer operations:

37 (a) With a current certification under the 2010 version of the  
38 united egg producers animal husbandry guidelines for United States  
39 egg laying flocks for conventional cage systems or cage-free housing

1 systems or a subsequent version of the guidelines recognized by the  
2 department in rule; or

3 (b) Operated in strict compliance with any standards, adopted by  
4 the department in rule, that are equivalent to or more stringent than  
5 the standards identified in (a) of this subsection.

6 (2) All new and renewal applications submitted under RCW  
7 69.25.050 before January 1, 2017, must, in addition to complying with  
8 subsection (1) of this section, include proof that all eggs and egg  
9 products provided in intrastate commerce by the applicant are  
10 produced by commercial egg layer operations whose housing facilities,  
11 if built between January 1, 2012, and December 31, 2016, are either:

12 (a) Approved under, or convertible to, the American humane  
13 association facility system plan for enriched colony housing in  
14 effect on January 1, 2011, or a subsequent version of the plan  
15 recognized by the department in rule and, in addition, are  
16 convertible to the standards identified in RCW 69.25.107; or

17 (b) Operated in strict compliance with any standards, adopted by  
18 the department in rule, that are equivalent to or more stringent than  
19 the standards identified in (a) of this subsection.

20 (3) All new and renewal applications submitted under RCW  
21 69.25.050 between January 1, 2017, and December 31, ((2025)) 2023,  
22 must, in addition to complying with subsection (1) of this section,  
23 include proof that all eggs and egg products provided in intrastate  
24 commerce by the applicant are produced by commercial egg layer  
25 operations whose housing facilities, if built on or after January 1,  
26 2012, are either:

27 (a) Approved under the American humane association facility  
28 system plan and audit protocol for enriched colony housing in effect  
29 on January 1, 2011, or a subsequent version of the plan recognized by  
30 the department in rule and, in addition, are operated to the  
31 standards identified in RCW 69.25.107; or

32 (b) Operated in strict compliance with any standards, adopted by  
33 the department in rule, that are equivalent to or more stringent than  
34 the standards identified in (a) of this subsection.

35 (4) All new and renewal applications submitted under RCW  
36 69.25.050 on or after January 1, ((2026)) 2024, must include proof  
37 that all eggs and egg products provided in intrastate commerce by the  
38 applicant are produced by commercial egg layer operations that are  
39 either:



1 (a) (~~Approved under the American humane association facility~~  
2 ~~system plan and audit protocol for enriched colony housing in effect~~  
3 ~~on January 1, 2011~~) Housing egg-laying hens with at a minimum the  
4 amount of usable floor space per hen required by the 2017 edition of  
5 the united egg producers' Animal Husbandry Guidelines for United  
6 States Egg-Laying Flocks: Guidelines for Cage-Free Housing, or a  
7 subsequent version of the plan recognized by the department in rule  
8 as providing equal or more usable floor space per egg-laying hen and,  
9 in addition, are operated to the standards identified in RCW  
10 69.25.107; or

11 (b) Operated in strict compliance with any standards, adopted by  
12 the department in rule, that are equivalent to or more stringent than  
13 the standards identified in (a) of this subsection.

14 (5) The following are exempt from the requirements of subsections  
15 (2) and (3) of this section:

16 (a) Applicants with fewer than three thousand laying chickens;  
17 and

18 (b) Commercial egg layer operations when producing eggs or egg  
19 products from turkeys, ducks, geese, guineas, or other species of  
20 fowl other than domestic chickens.

21 **Sec. 5.** RCW 69.25.070 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 201 s 8 are each  
22 amended to read as follows:

23 The department (~~may~~) shall deny, suspend, or revoke(~~, or~~  
24 ~~issue~~) a license or a conditional license if it determines that an  
25 applicant or licensee has committed any of the following acts:

26 (1) That the applicant or licensee is violating or has violated  
27 any of the provisions of this chapter or rules and regulations  
28 adopted thereunder.

29 (2) That the application contains any materially false or  
30 misleading statement or involves any misrepresentation by any  
31 officer, agent, or employee of the applicant.

32 (3) That the applicant or licensee has concealed or withheld any  
33 facts regarding any violation of this chapter by any officer, agent,  
34 or employee of the applicant or licensee.

35 **Sec. 6.** RCW 69.25.103 and 2011 c 306 s 4 are each amended to  
36 read as follows:

37 Any egg handler or dealer involved with the in-state production  
38 of eggs or egg products only intended for sale outside of the state

1 of Washington must ensure that the associated commercial egg layer  
2 operation is in compliance with the applicable standards as provided  
3 in RCW 69.25.065 and 69.25.107.

4 **Sec. 7.** RCW 69.25.107 and 2011 c 306 s 5 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) All commercial egg layer operations required under RCW  
7 69.25.065 to meet the American humane association facility system  
8 plan, or an equivalent to the plan, must also ensure that all hens in  
9 the operation are provided with:

10 (a) No less than one hundred sixteen and three-tenths square  
11 inches of space per hen; and

12 (b) Access to areas for nesting, scratching, and perching.

13 (2) All commercial egg layer operations required under RCW  
14 69.25.065 to house egg-laying hens with at a minimum the amount of  
15 usable floor space per hen required by the 2017 edition of the united  
16 egg producers' Animal Husbandry Guidelines for United States Egg-  
17 Laying Flocks: Guidelines for Cage-Free Housing, or a subsequent  
18 version of the plan recognized by the department in rule as providing  
19 equal or more useable floor space per egg-laying hen, must ensure  
20 that the hens are housed in a cage-free housing system.

21 (3) Subsection (2) of this section does not apply:

22 (a) During medical research;

23 (b) During examination, testing, individual treatment, or  
24 operation for veterinary purposes;

25 (c) During transportation, or depopulation operations for periods  
26 of no more than seven days in any eighteen-month period;

27 (d) During rodeo exhibitions, state or county fair exhibitions,  
28 4-H programs, and similar exhibitions;

29 (e) During the slaughter of an egg-laying hen in accordance with  
30 applicable laws and regulations; or

31 (f) During temporary periods for animal husbandry purposes of no  
32 more than six hours in any twenty-four-hour period, and no more than  
33 twenty-four hours in any thirty-day period.

34 (4) The requirements of this section apply for any commercial egg  
35 layer operation on the same dates that RCW 69.25.065 requires  
36 compliance with the American humane association facility system plan  
37 or an equivalent to the plan, or requires housing egg-laying hens  
38 with at a minimum the amount of usable floor space per hen required  
39 by the united egg producers' Animal Husbandry Guidelines for United

1 States Egg-Laying Flocks: Guidelines for Cage-Free Housing or an  
2 equivalent to the guidelines.

3 **Sec. 8.** RCW 69.25.110 and 2012 c 117 s 348 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) No person shall buy, sell, or transport, or offer to buy or  
6 sell, or offer or receive for transportation, in any business in  
7 intrastate commerce any restricted eggs, capable of use as human  
8 food, except as authorized by regulations of the director under such  
9 conditions as he or she may prescribe to assure that only eggs fit  
10 for human food are used for such purpose.

11 (2) No egg handler shall possess with intent to use, or use, any  
12 restricted eggs in the preparation of human food for intrastate  
13 commerce except that such eggs may be so possessed and used when  
14 authorized by regulations of the director under such conditions as he  
15 or she may prescribe to assure that only eggs fit for human food are  
16 used for such purpose.

17 (3) No person shall process any egg products for intrastate  
18 commerce at any plant except in compliance with the requirements of  
19 this chapter.

20 (4) No person shall buy, sell, or transport, or offer to buy or  
21 sell, or offer or receive for transportation, in intrastate commerce  
22 any egg or egg product that was not produced in compliance with the  
23 standards required by RCW 69.25.065 and 69.25.107. This prohibition  
24 shall not apply to any sale undertaken at an official plant at which  
25 mandatory inspection is maintained under the federal egg products  
26 inspection act, 21 U.S.C. Sec. 1031 et seq. For the purposes of this  
27 subsection, a sale is deemed to occur at the location where the buyer  
28 takes physical possession of an item.

29 (5) No person shall buy, sell, or transport, or offer to buy or  
30 sell, or offer or receive for transportation, in intrastate commerce  
31 any egg products required to be inspected under this chapter unless  
32 they have been so inspected and are labeled and packaged in  
33 accordance with the requirements of RCW 69.25.100.

34 ~~((+5))~~ (6) No operator of any official plant shall allow any egg  
35 products to be moved from such plant if they are adulterated or  
36 misbranded and capable of use as human food.

37 ~~((+6))~~ (7) No person shall:

38 (a) Manufacture, cast, print, lithograph, or otherwise make any  
39 device containing any official mark or simulation thereof, or any

1 label bearing any such mark or simulation, or any form of official  
2 certificate or simulation thereof, except as authorized by the  
3 director;

4 (b) Forge or alter any official device, mark, or certificate;

5 (c) Without authorization from the director, use any official  
6 device, mark, or certificate, or simulation thereof, or detach,  
7 deface, or destroy any official device or mark; or use any labeling  
8 or container ordered to be withheld from use under RCW 69.25.100  
9 after final judicial affirmance of such order or expiration of the  
10 time for appeal if no appeal is taken under said section;

11 (d) Contrary to the regulations prescribed by the director, fail  
12 to use, or to detach, deface, or destroy any official device, mark,  
13 or certificate;

14 (e) Knowingly possess, without promptly notifying the director or  
15 his or her representative, any official device or any counterfeit,  
16 simulated, forged, or improperly altered official certificate or any  
17 device or label, or any eggs or egg products bearing any counterfeit,  
18 simulated, forged, or improperly altered official mark;

19 (f) Knowingly make any false statement in any shipper's  
20 certificate or other nonofficial or official certificate provided for  
21 in the regulations prescribed by the director;

22 (g) Knowingly represent that any article has been inspected or  
23 exempted, under this chapter when in fact it has not been so  
24 inspected or exempted; and

25 (h) Refuse access, at any reasonable time, to any representative  
26 of the director, to any plant or other place of business subject to  
27 inspection under any provisions of this chapter.

28 ((+7)) (8) No person, while an official or employee of the state  
29 or local governmental agency, or thereafter, shall use to his or her  
30 own advantage, or reveal other than to the authorized representatives  
31 of the United States government or the state in their official  
32 capacity, or as ordered by a court in a judicial proceeding, any  
33 information acquired under the authority of this chapter concerning  
34 any matter which the originator or relator of such information claims  
35 to be entitled to protection as a trade secret.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The provisions of this act are in addition  
37 to, and not in lieu of, any other laws protecting animal welfare.  
38 This act shall not be construed to limit any other state laws or  
39 regulations protecting the welfare of animals or to prevent a local

1 governing body from adopting and enforcing its own animal welfare  
2 laws and regulations.

--- **END** ---