

SENATE BILL NO. 390—SENATOR HANSEN

MARCH 20, 2019

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the slaughtering of livestock. (BDR 51-258)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to livestock; authorizing the State Quarantine Officer to adopt regulations requiring the owner or operator of a farm or other facility that raises poultry to obtain a permit to slaughter and sell the poultry under certain circumstances; authorizing the State Quarantine Officer to adopt regulations relating to the production, handling and sale of eggs in this State; authorizing the State Quarantine Officer to adopt regulations requiring the licensing of each custom slaughter establishment and mobile slaughter unit in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, it is unlawful for any person to possess, with the intent to sell, the carcass of any fowl which is not processed in an establishment approved by the State Department of Agriculture or in accordance with poultry regulations adopted by the Department. (NRS 583.080) Existing law requires the State Quarantine Officer to establish grades and standards for eggs and to adopt regulations as may be necessary for the enforcement of certain provisions governing eggs. (NRS 583.130) Existing law also prohibits a person from operating an official establishment for the commercial slaughter of meat animals unless the person receives a permit issued by the State Quarantine Officer. (NRS 583.453) **Section 2** of this bill authorizes the State Quarantine Officer to adopt regulations requiring the owner or operator of a farm or other facility that raises poultry to obtain a permit to slaughter and sell not more than 1,000 raw poultry to a consumer at the farm or other facility during a calendar year. **Section 3** of this bill authorizes the State Quarantine Officer to adopt regulations relating to the production, handling and sale of eggs in this State. **Section 4** of this bill authorizes the State Quarantine Officer to require the licensing of each custom slaughter establishment and mobile slaughter facility in this State. Any regulations adopted pursuant to



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18 **section 2 or 4** must set forth the fees, if any, for the issuance or renewal of the
19 license or permit. **Sections 5-17** of this bill make conforming changes.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 583 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act.

3 **Sec. 2. 1.** *The State Quarantine Officer may adopt*
4 *regulations requiring the owner or operator of a farm or other*
5 *facility that raises poultry to obtain a permit to slaughter and sell*
6 *not more than 1,000 raw poultry to a consumer at the farm or*
7 *other facility during a calendar year. Any permit required*
8 *pursuant to this section is valid for 1 year after the date the permit*
9 *is issued or renewed.*

10 2. *Any regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 1 must set*
11 *forth, without limitation:*

12 (a) *The requirements for the issuance or renewal of the*
13 *permit;*

14 (b) *The fees, if any, for the issuance or renewal of the permit;*

15 (c) *Any requirements relating to sanitation, including, without*
16 *limitation, the use of any equipment or protective clothing; and*

17 (d) *Any other requirements the State Quarantine Officer*
18 *determines are necessary to carry out the provisions of this*
19 *section, including, without limitation, the issuance of a stop sale*
20 *order for a violation of any provision of this chapter or regulations*
21 *adopted pursuant to this chapter.*

22 **Sec. 3.** *In addition to any regulations adopted pursuant to*
23 *NRS 583.130, the State Quarantine Officer may adopt regulations*
24 *relating to the production, handling and sale of eggs in this State.*
25 *Any regulations adopted pursuant to this section may include,*
26 *without limitation, provisions setting forth:*

27 1. *The requirements for packing, repacking, consolidation,*
28 *refrigeration and storage of eggs by a retailer or wholesaler of*
29 *eggs in this State;*

30 2. *The inspection of any facility used for the production of*
31 *eggs in this State;*

32 3. *The requirements for determining when eggs are unfit for*
33 *human consumption;*

34 4. *The requirements for the issuance and sale of certified*
35 *seals to a producer of eggs in this State to brand his or her eggs as*
36 *being produced in this State; and*

37 5. *Any other requirements that the State Quarantine Officer*
38 *determines are necessary to carry out the provisions of this*
39 *section, including, without limitation, the issuance of a stop sale*



1 *order for a violation of any provision of this chapter or regulations*
2 *adopted pursuant to this chapter.*

3 **Sec. 4. 1.** *The Officer may adopt regulations requiring the*
4 *licensing of each custom slaughter establishment and mobile*
5 *slaughter unit in this State. Any license issued or renewed*
6 *pursuant to this section is valid for 1 year after the date the license*
7 *is issued or renewed.*

8 **2.** *Any regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 1 must set*
9 *forth, without limitation:*

10 (a) *The requirements for the issuance or renewal of the*
11 *license;*

12 (b) *The fees, if any, for the issuance or renewal of the license;*

13 (c) *The requirements for operating the custom slaughter*
14 *establishment or mobile slaughter unit, including, without*
15 *limitation, standard operating procedures, sanitation, equipment,*
16 *conditions, reporting, recordkeeping, labeling and packaging; and*

17 (d) *Any other requirements the Officer determines are*
18 *necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, including,*
19 *without limitation, the issuance of a stop sale order for a violation*
20 *of any provision of this chapter or regulations adopted pursuant to*
21 *this chapter.*

22 **3.** *As used in this section:*

23 (a) *“Custom slaughter establishment” means a fixed*
24 *slaughtering facility that slaughters livestock for the owner of the*
25 *livestock at the facility. The term does not include an official*
26 *establishment.*

27 (b) *“Mobile slaughter unit” means any truck, van or other*
28 *motor vehicle that is used to slaughter livestock for the owner of*
29 *the livestock at the owner’s farm or other facility or at a location*
30 *approved by the Officer. The term does not include an official*
31 *establishment.*

32 **Sec. 5.** NRS 583.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 583.080 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or
34 corporation to possess, with intent to sell:

35 (a) The carcass or part of any carcass of any fowl which has died
36 from any cause other than being slaughtered in a sanitary manner;

37 (b) The carcass or part of any carcass of any fowl that shows
38 evidence of any disease, or that came from a sick or diseased fowl;
39 or

40 (c) The carcass or part of any carcass of any fowl not processed
41 in an establishment approved by the Department or in accordance
42 with poultry regulations adopted by the Department ~~§~~
43 *or a permit issued pursuant to section 2 of this act.*



2. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this section is subject to a civil penalty pursuant to NRS 583.700.

Sec. 6. NRS 583.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

583.110 As used in NRS 583.110 to 583.210, inclusive, *and section 3 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 583.111 to 583.120, inclusive, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 7. NRS 583.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

583.130 The State Quarantine Officer shall:

1. Enforce the provisions of NRS 583.110 to 583.210, inclusive *[H], and section 3 of this act*.

2. Make and fix grades and standards for eggs.

3. Make such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the enforcement of NRS 583.110 to 583.210, inclusive *[H], and section 3 of this act*.

Sec. 8. NRS 583.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

583.140 1. No person, firm or corporation shall sell, or offer or expose for sale, any egg unfit for human food unless the same is broken in shell and then denatured so that it cannot be used for human food.

2. For the purpose of NRS 583.110 to 583.210, inclusive, *and section 3 of this act*, an egg shall be deemed unfit for human food if:

(a) It is addled or moldy;

(b) If it contains black spots, black rot, white rot or blood streaks;

(c) If it has an adherent yolk or bloody or green white (albumen); or

(d) If it consists in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed or putrid substance.

Sec. 9. NRS 583.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

583.160 It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to represent, advertise or sell as fresh eggs any eggs that do not conform to the classifications provided for fresh eggs in NRS 583.110 to 583.210, inclusive *[H], and section 3 of this act*.

Sec. 10. NRS 583.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

583.210 Any person who violates any of the provisions of NRS 583.110 to 583.200, inclusive, *and section 3 of this act* is subject to a civil penalty pursuant to NRS 583.700.

Sec. 11. NRS 583.255 is hereby amended to read as follows:

583.255 As used in NRS 583.255 to 583.555, inclusive, *and section 4 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 583.265 to 583.429, inclusive, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.



Sec. 12. NRS 583.439 is hereby amended to read as follows:

583.439 A person shall not, with respect to any poultry, cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules or other equines, rabbits, game mammals or birds, or any carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat or meat food products of any such animals:

1. Slaughter an animal or prepare an article which can be used as human food at any establishment preparing animals, carcasses or products for intrastate commerce, except in compliance with the provisions of NRS 583.255 to 583.555, inclusive **§**, and *section 4 of this act*.

2. Sell, transport, offer for sale or transportation or receive for transportation in intrastate commerce any such articles which:

(a) Are capable of use as human food;

(b) Are adulterated or misbranded at the time of the sale, transportation, offer for sale or transportation, or receipt for transportation; or

(c) Are required to be inspected pursuant to the provisions of this Title,

↳ unless they have been so inspected and passed.

3. Do, with respect to any such articles which are capable of use as human food, any act while they are being transported in intrastate commerce or held for sale after transportation which is intended to cause or has the effect of causing any article to be adulterated or misbranded.

Sec. 13. NRS 583.469 is hereby amended to read as follows:

583.469 1. No article subject to the provisions of NRS 583.255 to 583.555, inclusive, *and section 4 of this act* shall be sold or offered for sale by any person, firm or corporation, in intrastate commerce, under any name or other marking or labeling which is false or misleading, or in any container of a misleading form or size, but established trade names and other markings and labeling and containers which are not false or misleading and which are approved by the Officer are permitted.

2. If the Officer has reason to believe any person, firm or corporation is violating subsection 1, the Officer may direct that such practice be stopped.

3. If such person, firm or corporation using or proposing to use such marking, labeling or container objects to the direction of the Officer, the person, firm or corporation may request a hearing, but the use of such marking, labeling or container shall, if the Officer so directs, be withheld pending the hearing and final determination by the Officer.

4. Any final determination by the Officer shall be conclusive unless, within 30 days after receipt of notice of such determination, the person, firm or corporation adversely affected thereby appeals to



1 the district court for the county in which such person, firm or
2 corporation has its principal place of business.

3 **Sec. 14.** NRS 583.475 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 583.475 It is unlawful for any person:

5 1. To process, sell or offer for sale, transport or deliver or
6 receive for transportation, in intrastate commerce, any livestock or
7 poultry carcass or part thereof unless such article has been inspected
8 and unless the article and its shipping container and immediate
9 container, if any, are marked in accordance with the requirements of
10 NRS 583.255 to 583.555, inclusive, *and section 4 of this act* or the
11 Wholesome Meat Act or the Wholesome Poultry Products Act.

12 2. To sell or otherwise dispose of, for human food, any
13 livestock or poultry carcass or part thereof which has been inspected
14 and declared to be adulterated in accordance with NRS 583.255 to
15 583.555, inclusive, *and section 4 of this act* or which is misbranded.

16 3. Falsely to make or issue, alter, forge, simulate or counterfeit
17 or use without proper authority any official inspection certificate,
18 memorandum, mark or other identification, or device for making
19 such mark or identification, used in connection with inspection in
20 accordance with NRS 583.255 to 583.555, inclusive, *and section 4*
21 *of this act*, or cause, procure, aid, assist in, or be a party to such
22 false making, issuing, altering, forging, simulating, counterfeiting or
23 unauthorized use, or knowingly to possess, without promptly
24 notifying the Officer or the Officer's representative, utter, publish or
25 use as true, or cause to be uttered, published or used as true, any
26 such falsely made or issued, altered, forged, simulated or
27 counterfeited official inspection certificate, memorandum, mark or
28 other identification, or device for making such mark
29 or identification, or to represent that any article has been officially
30 inspected in accordance with NRS 583.255 to 583.555, inclusive,
31 *and section 4 of this act* when such article has in fact not been so
32 inspected, or knowingly to make any false representations in any
33 certificate prescribed by the Officer or any form resembling any
34 such certificate.

35 4. To misbrand or do an act intending to misbrand any
36 livestock or poultry carcass or part thereof, in intrastate commerce.

37 5. To use any container bearing an official inspection mark
38 unless the article contained therein is in the original form in which it
39 was inspected and covered by such mark unless the mark is
40 removed, obliterated or otherwise destroyed.

41 6. To refuse at any reasonable time to permit access:

42 (a) By the Officer or his or her agents to the premises of an
43 establishment in this state where carcasses of livestock or poultry, or
44 parts thereof, are processed for intrastate commerce.



(b) By the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary's representative to the premises of any establishment specified in paragraph (a), for inspection and the taking of reasonable samples.

7. To refuse to permit access to and the copying of any record as authorized by NRS 583.485.

8. To use for personal advantage, or reveal, other than to the authorized representatives of any state agency in their official capacity, or to the courts when relevant in any judicial proceeding, any information acquired under the authority of NRS 583.255 to 583.555, inclusive, *and section 4 of this act* concerning any matter which as a trade secret is entitled to protection.

9. To deliver, receive, transport, sell or offer for sale or transportation in intrastate commerce, for human consumption, any unviscerated slaughtered poultry, or any livestock or poultry carcass or part thereof which has been processed in violation of any requirements under NRS 583.255 to 583.555, inclusive, *and section 4 of this act*, except as may be authorized by and pursuant to rules and regulations prescribed by the Officer.

10. To apply to any livestock or poultry carcass or part thereof, or any container thereof, any official inspection mark or label required by NRS 583.255 to 583.555, inclusive, *and section 4 of this act*, except by, or under the supervision of, an inspector.

Sec. 15. NRS 583.495 is hereby amended to read as follows:

583.495 1. A person who violates any of the provisions of NRS 583.475 and 583.485:

(a) For a first violation, is subject to a civil penalty pursuant to NRS 583.700.

(b) For a second violation, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor and subject to a civil penalty pursuant to NRS 583.700.

(c) For a third or subsequent violation, is guilty of a category D felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130 and subject to a civil penalty pursuant to NRS 583.700.

2. When construing or enforcing the provisions of NRS 583.255 to 583.555, inclusive, *and section 4 of this act*, the act, omission or failure of a person acting for or employed by an individual, partnership, corporation, association or other business unit, within the scope of the person's employment or office, shall in every case be deemed the act, omission or failure of the individual, partnership, corporation, association or other business unit, as well as of the person.

3. A carrier is not subject to the penalties imposed by this section by reason of the carrier's receipt, carriage, holding or delivery, in the usual course of business as a carrier, of livestock or poultry carcasses or parts thereof owned by another person, unless the carrier:



(a) Has knowledge, or is in possession of facts which would cause a reasonable person to believe, that the articles do not comply with the provisions of NRS 583.255 to 583.555, inclusive **[H]**, *and section 4 of this act.*

(b) Refuses to furnish, on request of a representative of the Officer, the name and address of the person from whom the carrier received the livestock or poultry carcasses, or parts thereof, and copies of all documents pertaining to the delivery of such carcasses, or parts thereof, to the carrier.

4. A person, firm or corporation is not subject to the penalties imposed by this section for receiving for transportation any shipment in violation of NRS 583.255 to 583.555, inclusive, *and section 4 of this act* if the receipt was made in good faith, unless the person, firm or corporation refuses to furnish on request of a representative of the Officer:

(a) The name and address of the person from whom such shipment was received; and

(b) Copies of all documents pertaining to the delivery of the shipment to the person, firm or corporation.

Sec. 16. NRS 583.529 is hereby amended to read as follows:

583.529 1. Whenever any carcass, part of a carcass, meat or meat food product of poultry, cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules or other equines, or any product exempted from the definition of a meat food product, or any dead, dying, disabled or diseased poultry, cattle, sheep, swine, goat or equine is found by any authorized representative of the Officer upon any premises where it is held for purposes of, or during or after distribution in, intrastate commerce or otherwise subject to NRS 583.255 to 583.555, inclusive, *and section 4 of this act* and there is reason to believe that any such article is adulterated or misbranded and is capable of use as human food, or that it has not been inspected, in violation of the provisions of NRS 583.255 to 583.555, inclusive, *and section 4 of this act*, it may be detained by such representative for a period not to exceed 20 days, pending further investigation, and shall not be moved by any person, firm or corporation from the place at which it is located when so detained, until released by such representative.

2. All official marks may be required by such representative to be removed from such article or animal before it is released unless it appears to the satisfaction of the Officer that the article or animal is eligible to retain such marks.

Sec. 17. NRS 583.549 is hereby amended to read as follows:

583.549 The district courts of this state are vested with jurisdiction specifically to enforce and to prevent and restrain violations of NRS 583.255 to 583.555, inclusive **[H]**, *and section 4 of this act.*



1 **Sec. 18.** This act becomes effective:

2 1. Upon passage and approval for the purposes of adopting
3 regulations and any other preparatory administrative tasks that are
4 necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

5 2. On July 1, 2019, for all other purposes.

