



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 6232**

LCO No. 1501



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
REP. DUBITSKY, 47<sup>th</sup> Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF PROCESSING FACILITIES IN THE STATE FOR HARES, RABBITS AND PIKAS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to provide that: (1) The
- 2 Commissioner of Agriculture shall be the state official in charge of
- 3 inspecting any producer, including any producer that also operates as a
- 4 Lagomorpha processing facility; (2) any inspection conducted pursuant
- 5 to such provision by the commissioner, or the commissioner's
- 6 designated agent, shall be consistent with the requirements of any
- 7 applicable provision of the Code of Federal Regulations, including, but
- 8 not limited to, any health, sanitary and safety related provision; (3)
- 9 Lagomorpha processing facilities that have passed Department of
- 10 Agriculture facility inspections pursuant to this section shall be
- 11 designated as approved food sources for household consumers,
- 12 restaurants, hotels, boarding houses and retail food establishments; (4)
- 13 "Lagomorpha" means members of the taxonomic family of Leporidae
- 14 within the order of Lagomorpha, and "producer" means any person,
- 15 firm or corporation engaged in breeding, raising or keeping of not more

16 than one thousand Lagomorpha in a calendar year for the purpose of  
17 food production; and (5) the Commissioner of Agriculture shall develop  
18 rules to implement the provisions of such provision.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To regulate processing facilities in the state for hares, rabbits and pikas.