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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF LIVESTOCK AND CERTAIN RABBIT PROCESSING FACILITIES.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 22-278 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 [For the purposes of this chapter "livestock" is defined as any camelid  
4 or hooved animal raised for domestic or commercial use. The  
5 Commissioner of Agriculture is authorized, subject to sections 4-168 to  
6 4-174, inclusive, to make orders and regulations concerning the  
7 importation, transportation, trailing, riding, driving, exhibiting,  
8 examining, testing, identification, quarantining or disposing of livestock  
9 to prevent the spread of contagious and infectious diseases among  
10 livestock and to protect the public from such diseases as may be  
11 transmissible to human beings, either directly or through the products  
12 of such animals, and orders and regulations for the conservation of  
13 livestock the products from which are used for food or clothing. The  
14 commissioner shall give notice of any such order to any person named  
15 therein by leaving a copy of such order with, or at the last-known place

16 of abode of, such person, if a resident of the state; if not a resident of the  
 17 state, by leaving a copy with, or at the last-known place of abode of, an  
 18 agent of such person, or the person having custody of the animals  
 19 described in such order, if within the state, or by forwarding a copy of  
 20 such order by registered or certified mail addressed to the last-known  
 21 address of the person named therein. The commissioner, in case of  
 22 emergency, may give notice of any regulation limiting or prohibiting the  
 23 importation, transportation, trailing, riding, driving, exhibiting or  
 24 disposing of livestock on any highway by publishing a copy of such  
 25 regulation in a newspaper published or having a substantial circulation  
 26 in the town in which the highway affected by such regulation may be  
 27 located. The commissioner shall give notice of any such order or  
 28 regulation to any common carrier named therein or affected thereby by  
 29 leaving a copy of such order or regulation with the president, secretary  
 30 or treasurer of the company acting as common carrier, or by leaving a  
 31 copy with any person or firm acting as a common carrier, or at the last-  
 32 known residence of any such person or a member of such firm in charge  
 33 of any office of such carrier. The commissioner is authorized to employ  
 34 assistants needed to enforce any such order or regulation. Any person  
 35 or any officer or agent of any corporation who violates any provision of  
 36 any such order or regulation, or who obstructs or attempts to obstruct  
 37 the commissioner or any assistant engaged in the discharge of any duty  
 38 hereunder, may be fined not more than one hundred dollars or may be  
 39 assessed an administrative civil penalty in accordance with section 22-  
 40 7.] For the purposes of this chapter and sections 15 to 20, inclusive, of  
 41 this act:

42 (1) "Accredited veterinarian" means a veterinarian who is approved  
 43 under Category II of the National Veterinary Accreditation Program by  
 44 the United States Department of Agriculture and by the state animal  
 45 health official of the state in which such veterinarian is licensed to  
 46 practice;

47 (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture or the  
 48 commissioner's designated agent including the State Veterinarian;

49       (3) "Certificate of veterinary inspection" or "health certificate" means  
50 an official document on a form approved by the state animal health  
51 official in the state of origin or by the United States Department of  
52 Agriculture that is used for verification of veterinary inspection and is  
53 issued by a licensed and accredited veterinarian at the point of origin  
54 for a shipment of livestock;

55       (4) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

56       (5) "Livestock" means any camelid or hooved animal raised for  
57 domestic or commercial use, generally used to produce food or fiber and  
58 considered to be farm animals;

59       (6) "Notifiable disease" means a disease of livestock or poultry  
60 published in the United States Department of Agriculture's National  
61 List of Reportable Animal Diseases;

62       (7) "Official identification" means a numbering system approved by  
63 the United States Department of Agriculture and the State Veterinarian  
64 for the official identification of individual animals that provides a  
65 nationally unique identification number for each animal and prescribes  
66 the animal identification methods and devices approved for use in each  
67 species of livestock and that is affixed to each animal by tag or other  
68 United States Department of Agriculture approved method;

69       (8) "Owner-shipper statement" means a form issued by the state  
70 animal health agency in the state of origin that contains a statement  
71 certifying that the animals are being transported for purposes stipulated  
72 on such form in accordance with Title 9 of the Code of Federal  
73 Regulations, and that is signed by the owner or shipper of the livestock;

74       (9) "Poultry" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-324; and

75       (10) "USDA" means the United States Department of Agriculture.

76       Sec. 2. Section 22-279 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
77 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

78 (a) The [Commissioner of Agriculture or his deputy or authorized  
 79 agents] commissioner may quarantine all animals that [they have] the  
 80 commissioner has reasonable grounds to believe (1) are infected with a  
 81 communicable disease, (2) do not meet import, export or disease testing  
 82 requirements of the department, or (3) are kept under unsanitary  
 83 conditions [which] that, in the opinion of the commissioner, [or his  
 84 deputy or authorized agents,] endanger the public health or the health  
 85 of such animals. The quarantine may (A) prohibit or regulate the sale or  
 86 movement of such quarantined animals, including any mortalities, and  
 87 all the products of such quarantined animals, and (B) require that such  
 88 animals, including any mortalities, and the products of such animals be  
 89 confined in a place designated by the commissioner [or his deputy or  
 90 authorized agents,] for such time as the commissioner judges necessary.

91 [(b) Any person who violates any provision of any quarantine  
 92 imposed under this section shall be fined five hundred dollars for each  
 93 day during which such violation continues, up to a maximum fine of  
 94 twenty-five thousand dollars.]

95 (b) (1) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with  
 96 the provisions of chapter 54, and make orders concerning the  
 97 importation, transportation, trailing, riding, driving, exhibiting,  
 98 examining, testing, identification, quarantining or disposing of livestock  
 99 to prevent the spread of contagious and infectious diseases among  
 100 livestock and to protect the public from such diseases as may be  
 101 transmissible to human beings, either directly or through the products  
 102 of such animals. Such orders and regulations may provide for the  
 103 conservation of livestock that is produced for use as food or clothing.

104 (2) The commissioner shall give notice of any such order to any  
 105 person named therein by leaving a copy of such order with, or at the  
 106 last-known place of abode of, such person, if a resident of the state. If  
 107 such person is not a resident of the state, such notice shall be provided  
 108 by leaving a copy of such order with, or at the last-known place of abode  
 109 of, an agent of such person, or the person that has custody of the animals  
 110 described in such order, if such person or agent is located in the state. If

111 such agent or person that has custody of such animals is not located in  
112 the state, the commissioner shall cause a copy of such order to be sent  
113 by registered or certified mail to the last-known address of the person  
114 named in such order or, alternatively, by electronic notice if previously  
115 consented to by the person named in such order.

116 (3) The commissioner, in the instance of an emergency, as determined  
117 by the commissioner, may give notice of any order limiting or  
118 prohibiting the importation, transportation, trailing, riding, driving,  
119 exhibiting or disposing of livestock on any highway by publishing a  
120 copy of such order in a newspaper that is published or that has a  
121 substantial circulation in the town in which the highway affected by  
122 such order is located.

123 (4) The commissioner shall give notice of any such order or regulation  
124 to any common carrier named in such order or affected by such order  
125 or regulation by leaving a copy of such order or regulation: (A) With the  
126 president, secretary or treasurer of the company that acts as such  
127 common carrier, (B) any person or firm acting as a common carrier, (C)  
128 at the last-known residence of any such person or a member of such firm  
129 in charge of any office of such carrier, or (D) at the electronic mail  
130 address of the common carrier if previously consented to by the  
131 common carrier.

132 (5) The commissioner may employ assistants needed to enforce any  
133 such orders or regulations.

134 (6) Any person including, but not limited to, any officer or agent of  
135 any corporation, who violates the provisions of: (A) This section, or (B)  
136 any order or regulation authorized by this section, or who obstructs or  
137 attempts to obstruct the commissioner, or any assistant of the  
138 commissioner, while engaged in the discharge of any duty undertaken  
139 pursuant to this section may be fined not more than five hundred  
140 dollars, per day per animal, for each day during which such violation  
141 continues, up to a maximum fine of twenty-five thousand dollars.

142 Sec. 3. Section 22-279a of the general statutes is repealed and the

143 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

144 Any livestock animal or poultry [being] that is tested for any disease  
145 in accordance with the Uniform Methods and Rules of the United States  
146 Department of Agriculture or for any biological or chemical residue  
147 known to be in this state shall be quarantined on the premises where the  
148 test is made until the test results are available and the test chart is signed  
149 by a licensed accredited veterinarian or an employee of the Department  
150 of Agriculture administering the test, provided the commissioner may  
151 release such livestock animal or poultry from quarantine at any time.  
152 Any blood, tissue or milk sample taken from any livestock animal or  
153 poultry pursuant to this section shall be submitted for analysis to a  
154 laboratory approved by the Commissioner of Agriculture. The  
155 laboratory shall report the results of the test to the commissioner who  
156 shall notify the person administering the test of such results.

157 Sec. 4. Section 22-287 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
158 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

159 [(a) The Commissioner of Agriculture may cause all neat cattle and  
160 all goats in the state to be tuberculin tested by a licensed accredited  
161 veterinarian at the expense of the state or by a veterinarian employed by  
162 the United States Department of Agriculture or by a veterinarian  
163 employed by the Department of Agriculture. The owner of any such  
164 herd to be so tested shall provide assistance and proper restraint for  
165 confining the animals for and during the application of said tests. When  
166 said commissioner has determined the condition of such animals by  
167 physical examination and tuberculin test performed by said  
168 veterinarians, each animal reacting to such test shall be immediately  
169 segregated from the animals not reacting to such test by the owner  
170 thereof and each animal reacting to such test shall be appraised as  
171 provided in section 22-288 and shall be disposed of and the premises  
172 upon which such animal has been kept shall be cleaned and disinfected  
173 within fifteen days thereafter, subject to the approval of the  
174 commissioner or his deputy or any authorized agent of the  
175 commissioner. No animals shall be added to the herd until such

176 premises have been so cleaned and disinfected and inspected and  
177 approved by the commissioner or his deputy or any authorized agent of  
178 the commissioner. Any animal reacting to such test which has been  
179 disposed of as provided by this section shall be paid for by the  
180 Comptroller, provided funds shall be available for such purposes and  
181 provided the animal reacting to such test and disposed of shall have  
182 been approved by said commissioner as a proper addition to the herd.

183 (b) Surveillance tests may be performed by a technician trained by  
184 and under the supervision of the State Veterinarian and employed by  
185 the Department of Agriculture, provided no condemnation shall be  
186 made on the basis of such surveillance tests. The owner of any herd to  
187 be so tested shall provide assistance and proper restraint for confining  
188 the animals for and during the application of such tests.]

189 (a) At the expense of the state, the commissioner may require and  
190 provide for the testing and the control of tuberculosis in livestock in this  
191 state. Any condemnation of livestock infected with tuberculosis shall  
192 comply with the provisions of section 22-288, as amended by this act.  
193 The procedures for testing for tuberculosis and the control and  
194 disposition of livestock classified as reactors shall conform to one of the  
195 following: (1) For goats, cattle, bison and captive cervids, the  
196 procedures, methods, testing and the disposition of reactors shall  
197 conform to the USDA Uniform Methods and Rules for Bovine  
198 Tuberculosis Eradication; (2) for species of livestock other than goats,  
199 cattle, bison or captive cervids, the procedures, methods, testing and the  
200 disposition of reactors shall be determined by the State Veterinarian; or  
201 (3) the most recent USDA approved and published procedures for  
202 testing for tuberculosis and the control and disposition of Brucellosis  
203 positive livestock.

204 (b) The state shall not be liable for any damage incurred or alleged to  
205 have been incurred by any such test performed pursuant to this section.

206 (c) Official testing for tuberculosis shall be restricted to the State  
207 Veterinarian, veterinarians employed by the federal government and

208 accredited veterinarians licensed to practice in this state. Surveillance  
 209 tests may be performed by an employee of the department trained by  
 210 and under the supervision of the State Veterinarian, provided no  
 211 condemnation shall be made on the basis of such surveillance tests. The  
 212 owner of any herd to be so tested shall provide assistance and proper  
 213 restraint for confining the animals for such testing and during the  
 214 application of such tests.

215 Sec. 5. Section 22-288 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 216 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

217 (a) The [Commissioner of Agriculture] commissioner may cause any  
 218 [domestic animal which has given a positive reaction to the tuberculin  
 219 test to be killed,] livestock infected with an infectious or contagious  
 220 disease, including, but not limited to, tuberculosis, anthrax or foot and  
 221 mouth disease to be euthanized to protect the public health or prevent  
 222 the spread of such disease but no such [bovine animal] livestock shall  
 223 be [killed] euthanized until its value has been determined by the [owner  
 224 and the] commissioner. [If they are unable to agree upon the value of  
 225 such animal, each shall choose an arbitrator and the two so chosen shall  
 226 choose a third and the three so chosen, or a majority of the three so  
 227 chosen, shall determine the value of such animal, and the value so  
 228 determined shall be approved by the commissioner.] In determining the  
 229 value of condemned livestock, the commissioner shall consider the age,  
 230 sex, grade and purpose for which such animal was kept. The  
 231 commissioner may consult with livestock dealers, commission sales  
 232 stables or other sources familiar with the value of livestock in  
 233 determining the value of condemned animals. When a certificate has  
 234 been filed with the commissioner that such animal has been [killed]  
 235 euthanized and the premises disinfected according to the order of the  
 236 commissioner, within a period of [fifteen days] time specified by the  
 237 commissioner, following the issuance of such order, the amount  
 238 determined under [subsection (b) of] this section shall be paid to the  
 239 owner by the state. [If a majority of the three arbitrators do not agree,  
 240 they shall so find and report and the commissioner shall then determine  
 241 the value of such animal or animals, which shall be final; but no] No



242 animal, the physical condition of which is such that it is of no real value,  
 243 and no animal which has been in the state for a period of less than three  
 244 months next preceding its quarantine shall be paid for by the state [;  
 245 provided such award may be paid in the case of cattle from any herd  
 246 which has been officially accredited, or from an officially declared  
 247 modified accredited area, or from any herd the entire number of which  
 248 has passed two negative tests and such cattle have not, since passing  
 249 such tests, been exposed to infection from tuberculosis. The provisions  
 250 of this section shall not apply to animals condemned to prevent the  
 251 spread of foot and mouth disease or anthrax.] unless such animal was a  
 252 natural addition to the herd that was born in this state or was imported  
 253 into this state in compliance with this chapter.

254 (b) [The state shall appraise any condemned registered purebred  
 255 bovine animal for a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars and any  
 256 grade bovine animal for a sum not exceeding eleven hundred dollars.]  
 257 The amount paid by the state for any [bovine animal which] livestock  
 258 that is condemned pursuant to this section and sold for slaughter, shall  
 259 be deposited by the commissioner [in] into the General Fund. The  
 260 amount paid by the state to the owner of any such animal shall be  
 261 limited to the difference between the fair market value of such animal,  
 262 established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, and the amount of  
 263 any indemnity or payment for such animal received by the owner from  
 264 the federal government. No compensation shall be paid to the owner of  
 265 any such [domestic animal] livestock by the state unless such animal has  
 266 been destroyed to prevent the spread of an infectious or contagious  
 267 disease or to protect the public health. Any animal [which has reacted  
 268 to the tuberculin test] that is condemned shall be [tagged in the left ear  
 269 by the person making such test with a numbered metal ear tag, which  
 270 tag shall have stamped or impressed thereon the following: "Ct.  
 271 Reacted, Number (...)", including the number of such tag. Such tags  
 272 shall be furnished by said commissioner and shall be numbered  
 273 consecutively beginning with the number one, and such animal shall  
 274 also be branded at the time of the test with the letter "T" on the left jaw.]  
 275 identified with a tag, brand device or marking approved by the

276 commissioner. No such animal shall be [killed] moved, euthanized, sold  
277 or used for food, except under the direction of [said] the commissioner.

278 (c) Any person aggrieved by an order of the commissioner to  
279 condemn livestock pursuant to this section may appeal such order to the  
280 superior court for the judicial district of Hartford not later than seven  
281 days after issuance of such order.

282 Sec. 6. Section 22-288a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
283 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

284 If the [Commissioner of Agriculture] commissioner finds the  
285 presence of tuberculosis or brucellosis recurring in one herd of livestock  
286 within any two-year period, or if [he] the commissioner finds any herd  
287 of [cattle] livestock substantially infected with tuberculosis, [or]  
288 brucellosis or other infectious or contagious disease, [he] the  
289 commissioner may order the condemnation of such herd to prevent the  
290 spread of such disease or to protect the public health and compensation  
291 therefor shall be paid in accordance with section 22-288, as amended by  
292 this act. [Said] Such compensation shall not be paid, nor shall the herd  
293 be restocked, until the premises from which such herd was taken have  
294 been cleaned and disinfected, and such premises have been inspected  
295 and approved by the commissioner. [or his deputy or any authorized  
296 agent of the commissioner.] Any person aggrieved by an order of the  
297 commissioner to so condemn a herd may, [within] not later than seven  
298 days after such order, appeal therefrom in accordance with the  
299 provisions of section 4-183.

300 Sec. 7. Section 22-294 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
301 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

302 The owner of any herd of livestock shall house, feed and care for such  
303 herd under such sanitary conditions as shall promote the health and  
304 welfare of such herd. No calf shall be fed milk or any other dairy product  
305 except such milk or other product [as has been] that is produced by a  
306 herd that [has been tuberculin tested] is negative for tuberculosis, or  
307 such milk or other dairy product [as has been] that is pasteurized by

308 being maintained at a heat of one hundred forty-two degrees Fahrenheit  
309 for a period of thirty minutes.

310 Sec. 8. Section 22-295 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
311 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

312 The owner of any herd of livestock shall keep a record [which shall  
313 include a description] of each [registered or graded] animal in such herd  
314 [and] including the final disposition of such animal that is made by such  
315 owner. [which such owner makes of any animal of such herd.] Each such  
316 animal shall be marked [by a tag or other marking approved by the  
317 Commissioner of Agriculture] with official identification when such  
318 animal leaves the premises and such official identification shall be made  
319 part of such record. Such record shall be kept for the life of the animal  
320 plus one additional year.

321 Sec. 9. Section 22-296 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
322 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

323 When infection [of tuberculosis] with any disease listed as reportable  
324 or notifiable by the department or the USDA is found in any herd of  
325 [cattle or goats] livestock, the [remaining] animals in such herd shall be  
326 quarantined. [until such herd has passed three successive negative tests,  
327 at least sixty days to elapse between each two tests.] Such quarantine  
328 shall remain in effect until such time as the State Veterinarian  
329 determines the quarantine should be removed. No animals shall be  
330 removed from such herd while under quarantine, except under a  
331 written permit issued to the owner of the herd by the [Commissioner of  
332 Agriculture or his agents] commissioner to move directly from the  
333 quarantined premises to [immediate slaughter] another premises for the  
334 purpose and under the conditions specified in such permit. Such permit  
335 shall accompany such animals from the quarantined premises. [to the  
336 point where slaughter is to be effected.] The owner shall deliver such  
337 permit to any person [purchasing] receiving such animals, and such  
338 person shall exercise all reasonable diligence in determining that such  
339 permit is [received by him and is valid, and that such permit shall

340 accompany such animals to slaughter] valid.

341 Sec. 10. Section 22-298 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
342 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

343 [(a) The Commissioner of Agriculture may require and provide for  
344 the drawing and collecting of blood samples for the control of  
345 brucellosis from goats over three months of age and herds of bovine  
346 animals, including male bovine animals, six months of age or over, but  
347 not including steers, and may at his discretion decide not to test heifers  
348 which have been officially calfhood vaccinated, until they have calved  
349 or are eighteen months of age. All blood samples shall be submitted to  
350 a laboratory approved by the Commissioner of Agriculture and all milk  
351 samples shall be submitted to a laboratory approved by said  
352 commissioner for examination and the results of such tests shall be  
353 reported by the laboratories to the commissioner in a manner prescribed  
354 by him. Upon receipt of the laboratory reports on any such tests, the  
355 commissioner shall inform the owner or agent and the veterinarian of  
356 the result thereof. When the commissioner has determined the condition  
357 of such herd by such tests, all animals reacting positively to any test for  
358 brucellosis shall be identified by branding with a hot iron on the left jaw  
359 and a metal number reactor tag in the left ear as approved by the  
360 commissioner. All such reactors shall be appraised, branded, tagged  
361 and slaughtered within fifteen days and the premises cleaned,  
362 disinfected and approved within thirty days after slaughter in order to  
363 qualify for indemnity under section 22-307. If the reaction of any animal  
364 to a test for brucellosis is suspicious, it may be identified and  
365 quarantined and shall not be disposed of without first obtaining written  
366 permission from the commissioner.

367 (b) The state shall not be liable for any damage incurred or alleged to  
368 have been incurred by any such test.

369 (c) No swine or goats used for breeding purposes shall be kept on the  
370 same premises as cattle unless such swine or goats are certified free from  
371 brucellosis. Any positive reactors shall be immediately slaughtered and

372 the premises cleaned and disinfected.

373 (d) The drawing of blood samples for brucellosis tests shall be  
374 restricted to the State Veterinarian, veterinarians employed by the  
375 Department of Agriculture, veterinarians employed by the federal  
376 government and veterinarians licensed to practice in this state and  
377 assigned by the commissioner for that purpose.]

378 (a) The commissioner may require and provide for the drawing and  
379 collecting of samples for testing and the control of brucellosis in  
380 livestock in this state. All blood and milk samples shall be submitted to  
381 a laboratory approved by the commissioner and the results of such tests  
382 shall be reported by the laboratories to the commissioner in a manner  
383 prescribed by the commissioner. Upon receipt of the laboratory reports  
384 on any such tests, the commissioner shall inform the owner or agent of  
385 any corporation and the applicable veterinarian of the results. Any  
386 condemnation of livestock infected with brucellosis shall comply with  
387 section 22-288, as amended by this act. The procedures for testing for  
388 brucellosis and the control and disposition of livestock infected with  
389 brucellosis shall conform to one of the following: (1) For cattle and bison,  
390 the procedures, methods, testing and disposition shall conform to the  
391 USDA uniform methods and rules for brucellosis eradication in cattle  
392 and bison; (2) for swine, the procedures, methods, testing and  
393 disposition of shall conform to the USDA uniform methods and rules  
394 for brucellosis eradication in swine; (3) for cervidae, the procedures,  
395 methods, testing and disposition of shall conform to the USDA uniform  
396 methods and rules for brucellosis eradication in cervidae; (4) for species  
397 other than cattle, bison, swine or cervidae, the procedures, methods,  
398 testing and disposition for brucellosis shall be determined by the State  
399 Veterinarian; or (5) the most recent USDA approved and published  
400 brucellosis procedures for testing and the control and disposition of  
401 brucellosis positive livestock.

402 (b) The state shall not be liable for any damage incurred or alleged to  
403 have been incurred by any such test performed pursuant to this section.

404 (c) No swine or goats used for breeding purposes shall be kept on the  
405 same premises as cattle unless such swine or goats are certified free from  
406 brucellosis.

407 (d) The drawing of samples for brucellosis tests shall be restricted to  
408 the State Veterinarian, veterinarians and trained employees of the  
409 department, veterinarians employed by the federal government and  
410 accredited veterinarians licensed to practice in this state.

411 Sec. 11. Section 22-301 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
412 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

413 No milk may be offered for sale in Connecticut unless produced from  
414 herds complying with sections 22-287 and 22-298, as amended by this  
415 act. [22-299a, 22-303, 22-304, 22-306 and 22-307 and this section. Before a  
416 permit may be issued by the Commissioner of Agriculture for the sale  
417 of milk, information must be available from the state Department of  
418 Agriculture or from the livestock official of the state where milk is  
419 produced that such herd producing milk for sale has reacted negatively  
420 to tests which meet Connecticut specifications for the control of  
421 tuberculosis and brucellosis.] For each new milk producer registered  
422 pursuant to section 22-172 or 22-173a, if such herd or any animals in  
423 such herd does not have a current tuberculosis and brucellosis negative  
424 test result, such herd shall be tested and found negative to a tuberculosis  
425 and brucellosis test prior to the issuance of the registration to produce  
426 milk. Such tuberculosis and brucellosis test may be conducted by  
427 employees of the department. Every two years thereafter, each  
428 registered milk producing herd shall be surveillance tested for  
429 tuberculosis and brucellosis by the department.

430 Sec. 12. Section 22-303 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
431 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

432 (a) Each owner of bovine animals in this state may have all of [his]  
433 such owner's female calves vaccinated for the control of brucellosis at  
434 ages [the commissioner shall establish by regulation] established  
435 pursuant to the uniform methods and rules for brucellosis eradication

436 of the United States Department of Agriculture. [Animal and Plant  
437 Health Inspection Service.] Calves may be vaccinated at the owner's  
438 expense by [an approved] a licensed accredited veterinarian. [, an  
439 approved federal or state full-time employed veterinarian assigned  
440 directly and authorized by the Commissioner of Agriculture or by a  
441 livestock inspector employed and authorized by the commissioner.]

442 (b) The state shall not be liable for any damages incurred or alleged  
443 to have been incurred by the use of any vaccine.

444 (c) No person, firm or corporation, and no agent or employee of any  
445 corporation, shall [have in his possession] possess any brucellosis  
446 vaccine or any product containing any Brucella organisms unless  
447 written permission has been obtained from the commissioner.

448 (d) No female bovine animal over the maximum vaccination age, as  
449 established by the commissioner in accordance with the uniform  
450 methods and rules for brucellosis eradication of the United States  
451 Department of Agriculture, [Animal and Plant Health Inspection  
452 Service,] shall be vaccinated with Brucella Abortus vaccine. Brucellosis  
453 vaccine or any product containing any Brucella organisms shall not be  
454 shipped into the state except upon written permission of the  
455 commissioner.

456 Sec. 13. Section 22-308 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
457 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

458 [All neat cattle and goats brought into this state shall be accompanied  
459 by a permit obtained from the Commissioner of Agriculture. Such  
460 permit shall accompany all waybills or, if the animals are driven over  
461 the highways, shall be in the possession of the person in charge of the  
462 same. The commissioner may refuse to grant a permit to any person, or  
463 any officer or agent of any corporation, who violates any statute or  
464 regulation governing the importation of livestock or poultry. Neat cattle  
465 and goats brought into this state for the purpose of immediate slaughter  
466 upon premises where federal inspection is maintained need not be  
467 accompanied by such permit, provided all such cattle or goats

468 transported into this state shall be accompanied by a bill of sale or  
469 certificate of assignment, made out by the consignor and showing the  
470 name of the consignee and the destination. The owner of each  
471 establishment where federal inspection is maintained shall report  
472 weekly to the commissioner, upon forms furnished by him, the number  
473 of head so imported. Such owner shall also report to said commissioner  
474 the ear tag or identification number and the name of the previous owner  
475 of all animals purchased within the state and delivered to such  
476 establishments.]

477 (a) All livestock brought into this state shall be accompanied by a  
478 livestock importation permit obtained from the commissioner and a  
479 certificate of veterinary inspection. Such certificate of veterinary  
480 inspection shall include the following: (1) Date of examination, (2)  
481 physical location of origin of such livestock, (3) name and mailing  
482 address of the consignor, (4) physical location of the destination in this  
483 state, (5) name and mailing address of the consignee, (6) official  
484 identification of each animal's age, sex, breed and species for each  
485 animal represented on the certificate of veterinary inspection, and (7)  
486 results of all tests required by this chapter. At the time of examination,  
487 the issuing veterinarian shall verify that each animal represented on the  
488 certificate of veterinary inspection bears identification tags or other  
489 identification to officially identify the livestock. Such certificate of  
490 veterinary inspection shall also include a statement verifying that the  
491 livestock identified on the document have been inspected and that they  
492 are free from clinical signs of any contagious, infectious or  
493 communicable diseases and that the livestock do not originate from an  
494 area of quarantine, infestation or infection. A certificate of veterinary  
495 inspection shall be valid for thirty days after the date of issuance and  
496 shall be signed by an accredited veterinarian. Any livestock import  
497 permit issued pursuant to this section shall expire fifteen days after the  
498 date of issuance.

499 (b) Not later than forty-eight hours after imported livestock arrives at  
500 the destination for such livestock in this state, the owner of such  
501 livestock shall complete and return the import permit to the



502 commissioner and report the number of each species imported and  
503 include a copy of the certificate of veterinary inspection that  
504 accompanied the livestock into this state.

505 (c) The commissioner may refuse to grant a livestock import permit  
506 to any person, or any officer or agent of any corporation, who violates  
507 any statute or regulation governing the importation of livestock.  
508 Whenever an import permit is refused or revoked, the commissioner  
509 shall notify such person importing the livestock of the violations and  
510 corrections necessary and, after making corrections, such person may  
511 reapply for a livestock import permit.

512 (d) Livestock brought into this state: (1) For the purpose of immediate  
513 slaughter upon premises where federal inspection is maintained, (2) to  
514 a slaughter facility approved by the commissioner, or (3) to a licensed  
515 livestock commission sales stable authorized to handle out-of-state  
516 livestock by the USDA and the State Veterinarian, shall be exempt from  
517 the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, provided all such  
518 livestock transported into this state are accompanied with an owner-  
519 shipper statement that shall include the following: (A) The name and  
520 address of the consignor and the consignee; (B) the point of origin of  
521 such livestock and identification of the premises that is the destination  
522 for such livestock; (C) the date of entry into the state and a statement  
523 that all livestock are consigned for immediate slaughter; (D) a listing of  
524 official identification of each animal, as required in subsection (a) of this  
525 section; and (E) the signature of the shipper certifying that the animals  
526 are imported for slaughter only.

527 (e) Any person who transports livestock or equines into this state for  
528 exhibition or competition purposes may obtain an exhibition permit  
529 from the commissioner prior to entering the state. Livestock or equines  
530 listed in the exhibition permit and on the certificate of veterinary  
531 inspection shall be exempt from the requirement for a new certificate of  
532 veterinary inspection every thirty days for the duration of the exhibition  
533 permit. All tests required pursuant to this chapter and chapter 438a, as  
534 applicable, to qualify for importation shall be listed on the certificate of

535 veterinary inspection and shall be kept current for the duration of the  
536 exhibition permit. Exhibition permits shall expire six months after the  
537 date of issuance.

538 Sec. 14. Section 22-309 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
539 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

540 The commissioner may refuse to grant permits to import animals  
541 from any and all sections or areas [which in his opinion] that the  
542 commissioner determines are infected with a contagious disease, and  
543 [he] the commissioner may, at any time, revoke any permit previously  
544 issued and then outstanding, for the importation into this state of  
545 animals [which] that in [his] the commissioner's opinion are infected,  
546 and all damages caused or claimed to have been caused by such  
547 revocation shall be borne by the owner. All [neat cattle and goats]  
548 livestock entering the state shall be identified by [ear tags, registration  
549 name or number, tattoo or other markings approved by the  
550 commissioner] official identification.

551 Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) No person shall import, or  
552 cause to be imported, into this state any livestock that is under any state  
553 or federal quarantine due to the presence of, or the suspected presence  
554 of, an infectious or contagious disease.

555 (b) No person shall import, or cause to be imported, into this state  
556 any livestock that is infected with, or has been exposed to, any infectious  
557 or contagious disease including, but not limited to, tuberculosis,  
558 brucellosis, anaplasmosis, psoroptic scabies, chronic wasting disease,  
559 bovine spongiform encephalopathy, hog cholera, pseudorabies, rabies  
560 or scrapie.

561 (c) No person shall import, or cause to be imported, into this state any  
562 livestock unless an import permit issued pursuant to section 22-308 of  
563 the general statutes, as amended by this act, is obtained and each animal  
564 is accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection issued by an  
565 accredited veterinarian certifying that each animal has been inspected,  
566 is not showing signs of infectious or contagious diseases, and has been

567 tested in accordance with the requirements of chapter 433 of the general  
568 statutes.

569 (d) Livestock imported into this state for movement directly to  
570 slaughter at a facility under a grant of inspection from the United States  
571 Department of Agriculture, or approved by the commissioner, are  
572 exempt from subsection (c) of this section provided such livestock are  
573 accompanied by the owner-shipper statement required pursuant to  
574 subsection (d) of section 22-308 of the general statutes, as amended by  
575 this act. No such livestock shall be sold or transferred live to any person,  
576 firm or corporation.

577 Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) All cattle or bison imported into  
578 this state shall be accompanied by an import permit required pursuant  
579 to section 22-308 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and a  
580 certificate of veterinary inspection issued by an accredited veterinarian  
581 thirty days or less prior to entry to the state that includes the dates and  
582 results of any tests required by this section, the official identification of  
583 each animal and certification that such cattle or bison meet the following  
584 requirements: (1) They originated from a herd that was negative to a  
585 whole herd tuberculin test performed not more than twelve months  
586 prior to such entry into this state and each imported animal was  
587 included in such whole herd test or tested negative to a tuberculosis test  
588 performed not more than sixty days prior to entry into this state, and (2)  
589 for bulls and non-brucellosis vaccinated female cattle six months of age  
590 and older and for official calfhooood vaccinates eighteen months of age  
591 and older, that they are negative to an official test for brucellosis that  
592 was performed not more than thirty days prior to entry into this state.  
593 Spayed heifers and steers imported as feeder cattle are exempt from  
594 such brucellosis testing. Cattle and bison vaccinated as adults for  
595 brucellosis are not eligible for entry into the state. Cattle and bison that  
596 were vaccinated when they were more than three hundred fifty-nine  
597 days of age with diluted brucella abortus vaccine are not eligible for  
598 entry into the state.

599 Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Any sheep imported into this

600 state shall be accompanied by an import permit required pursuant to  
 601 section 22-308 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and a  
 602 certificate of veterinary inspection issued by an accredited veterinarian  
 603 not more than thirty days prior to entry into this state that includes the  
 604 dates and results of any required tests, the official identification of each  
 605 animal and certification that the sheep listed on the certificate of  
 606 veterinary inspection have not been exposed to scrapie.

607       Sec. 18. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Any goat imported into this  
 608 state shall be accompanied by an import permit required pursuant to  
 609 section 22-308 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and a  
 610 certificate of veterinary inspection issued by an accredited veterinarian  
 611 not more than thirty days prior to entry into this state that includes: (1)  
 612 The dates and results of any tests required by this section, (2) the official  
 613 identification of each animal, and (3) certification that any goat listed on  
 614 the certificate of veterinary inspection has not been exposed to scrapie.  
 615 Additionally, any such goat shall meet the following requirements: (A)  
 616 They shall originate from a herd where they were included in a whole  
 617 herd with negative tuberculosis tests administered not more than  
 618 twelve months prior to such entry, (B) any such goat over three months  
 619 of age shall have tested negative to a tuberculin test not more than sixty  
 620 days prior to such entry, and (C) any goat over three months of age shall  
 621 have tested negative for brucellosis not more than thirty days prior to  
 622 such entry. Any kid goat under three months of age may be imported  
 623 on the dam's test chart if the dam was brucellosis tested and found  
 624 negative not more than twelve months prior to such entry and a copy of  
 625 such test result is provided to the commissioner. Any wether shall be  
 626 exempt from such brucellosis testing.

627       Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Any camelid imported into this  
 628 state shall be accompanied by an import permit required pursuant to  
 629 section 22-308 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and a  
 630 certificate of veterinary inspection issued by an accredited veterinarian  
 631 not more than thirty days prior to entry into this state. Such certificate  
 632 shall include the dates and results of any tests required by this section  
 633 and the official identification of each animal. Additionally, any such

634 camelid shall: (1) Have tested negative for tuberculosis using an axillary  
635 tuberculin test not more than sixty days prior to such entry, and (2) if  
636 six months of age or older, test negative for brucellosis not more than  
637 thirty days prior to such entry.

638 Sec. 20. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) All cervidae imported into this  
639 state shall be accompanied by an import or exhibition permit required  
640 pursuant to section 22-308 of the general statutes, as amended by this  
641 act, and a certificate of veterinary inspection that verifies compliance  
642 with the provisions of section 26-57a of the general statutes and any  
643 regulations adopted pursuant to said section.

644 Sec. 21. Section 22-316 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
645 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

646 [All cattle or goats found to be affected with a communicable disease  
647 shall be killed and the carcasses disposed of and premises disinfected in  
648 accordance with the order of the Commissioner of Agriculture and at  
649 the expense of the owner.] All carcasses of diseased livestock  
650 condemned pursuant to this chapter shall be disposed of in a manner  
651 acceptable to the commissioner. The premises shall be disinfected in a  
652 manner acceptable to the commissioner before livestock are  
653 reintroduced to such premises.

654 Sec. 22. Section 22-318a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
655 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

656 Any herd owner, auctioneer, [cattle] livestock dealer or sales  
657 manager, who contemplates a complete dispersal sale of a herd or a sale  
658 in which more than ten head is to be sold in a group shall furnish a list  
659 of animals to be sold to the [Commissioner of Agriculture]  
660 commissioner not later than fourteen days prior to the sale, [, unless the  
661 commissioner, in his sole discretion, shall find that this requirement,  
662 under existing conditions, would impose undue hardship on the seller,  
663 in which case he may waive it.] No owner, auctioneer, cattle dealer or  
664 sales manager shall conduct a dispersal sale without the approval of the  
665 commissioner. The [commissioner may, in his discretion,] State

666 Veterinarian may require such herd to be [tuberculin or brucellosis  
 667 tested, or both,] tested for diseases, as the State Veterinarian determines  
 668 are necessary, before such sale. If such herd has been tested or is tested  
 669 in accordance with the provisions of this section [and is found negative  
 670 to both tests, or a permit has been issued by the commissioner in  
 671 accordance with the provisions of section 22-303] and is found negative,  
 672 permission shall be granted for said sale. [These tests shall be applied as  
 673 private tests if not a routine test assignment. Any person who violates  
 674 any provision of this section shall be fined not more than one hundred  
 675 dollars.] Any test required pursuant to this section shall be performed  
 676 at the owner's expense.

677       Sec. 23. Section 22-319b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 678 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

679       (a) Any person, firm or corporation engaged in the growing of swine  
 680 that are to be used or disposed of elsewhere than on the premises where  
 681 such swine are grown shall register with the [Commissioner of  
 682 Agriculture] commissioner on forms furnished by the commissioner.  
 683 The commissioner may make orders and adopt regulations, in  
 684 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, concerning examination,  
 685 quarantine, disinfection, preventive treatment, disposition,  
 686 transportation, importation, feeding and sanitation for the protection of  
 687 swine from contagious and infectious disease. Said commissioner shall,  
 688 at once, cause an investigation of all cases of such diseases coming to the  
 689 commissioner's knowledge and shall use all proper means to  
 690 exterminate and prevent spread of the same. Instructions shall be  
 691 issued, in writing, by the commissioner or the commissioner's agent that  
 692 shall contain directions for quarantine and disinfection of the premises  
 693 where such disease exists. [No swine shall be brought into Connecticut  
 694 by any individual, corporation or common carrier, unless the same  
 695 originate from a herd that is validated as brucellosis-free and qualified  
 696 pseudorabies-negative, and are accompanied by a permit issued by the  
 697 commissioner and an official health certificate showing such animals to  
 698 be free from any contagious or infectious disease, except that swine  
 699 brought into this state for the purpose of immediate slaughter upon

700 premises where federal inspection is maintained need not be  
701 accompanied by an official health certificate and the owner of each  
702 establishment where federal inspection is maintained shall report  
703 weekly to the commissioner, upon forms furnished by the  
704 commissioner, the number of such swine imported. Such permit shall  
705 accompany all waybills or, if animals are driven or carted over  
706 highways, shall be in the possession of the person in charge of swine. In  
707 addition to any other requirements of this section, all swine imported  
708 for other than immediate slaughter that are over three months of age,  
709 other than barrows, shall be negative as to a blood test for brucellosis  
710 and pseudorabies within thirty days of importation. With approval of  
711 the State Veterinarian, a thirty-day blood test may not be required for  
712 swine originating from, and residing for at least thirty days prior to  
713 importation in, a state that is validated as brucellosis-free and stage V  
714 pseudorabies-free, or for swine originating from any herd which the  
715 State Veterinarian determines to be pathogen-free. With such approval,  
716 swine may be imported pursuant to an import permit and a current  
717 official health certificate. All swine brought into the state for immediate  
718 slaughter shall be killed in an approved slaughterhouse under  
719 veterinary inspection.]

720 (b) Any person, firm or corporation engaged in breeding swine in this  
721 state shall have all breeding swine tested for brucellosis and  
722 pseudorabies. Such testing shall be performed by an accredited  
723 veterinarian, a veterinarian employed by the USDA, or the department  
724 or an employee employed by the department, under supervision of the  
725 State Veterinarian. The owner of any herd or animal to be so tested shall  
726 provide assistance and proper restraint for confining the animals for and  
727 during the application and diagnosis of said test. The state shall not be  
728 liable for any damages incurred or alleged to have been incurred from  
729 such test. Testing for brucellosis shall comply with section 22-298, as  
730 amended by this act. The procedures for testing for pseudorabies and  
731 the control and disposition of pseudorabies positive swine shall  
732 conform to the USDA, pseudorabies eradication program standards.

733 (c) All swine imported into this state shall be accompanied by an

734 import permit required pursuant to section 22-308, as amended by this  
 735 act, and a certificate of veterinary inspection issued by an accredited  
 736 veterinarian not more than thirty days prior to entry into this state and  
 737 that includes the dates and results of any tests required by this section,  
 738 the official identification of each swine and certification that each swine  
 739 originated from a: (1) Brucellosis validated free herd, provided the herd  
 740 number, the date of the last whole herd negative brucellosis test that  
 741 includes the swine being imported shall be recorded on the certificate of  
 742 veterinary inspection, or, in the alternative, each swine over three  
 743 months of age shall have been tested and found negative for brucellosis  
 744 not more than thirty days prior to such entry; and (2) pseudorabies  
 745 qualified free herd, provided the number and date of the last whole herd  
 746 negative test that includes the swine being imported shall be recorded  
 747 on the certificate of veterinary inspection, or, in the alternative, each  
 748 swine shall have been tested and found negative for pseudorabies not  
 749 more than thirty days prior to such entry. Barrows shall be exempt from  
 750 such brucellosis testing.

751 Sec. 24. Section 22-320a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 752 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

753 As used in [sections 22-320a] this section and sections 22-320b to 22-  
 754 320h, inclusive:

755 [(a) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

756 (b) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture;

757 (c) "Person" means the state or any political subdivision thereof, or  
 758 any institution, public or private, any corporation, any limited liability  
 759 company, any individual or any partnership;

760 (d) [(1) "Garbage" means any material containing meat resulting from  
 761 the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of foods including  
 762 animal carcasses or parts thereof. [, but the term "garbage" shall]  
 763 "Garbage" does not [apply to] include waste materials from  
 764 slaughterhouses [which] that go directly to rendering plants for



765 processing; and

766 [(e)] (2) "Garbage-feeding swine farm" includes all premises on which  
 767 one or more swine are maintained and are fed garbage.

768 Sec. 25. Section 22-321 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 769 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

770 (a) Any person, or any officer or agent of any corporation, who  
 771 violates any provision of this chapter for which no other penalty is  
 772 provided, [or] who obstructs or attempts to obstruct the [Commissioner  
 773 of Agriculture or his deputy or any of his assistants] commissioner, an  
 774 authorized agent of the commissioner or an employee of the department  
 775 in the performance of [his duty] a duty established in this chapter, or  
 776 who violates any regulation established by said commissioner, shall be  
 777 fined two hundred fifty dollars for a first such violation or obstruction  
 778 and for any such second violation or obstruction shall be guilty of a class  
 779 D misdemeanor.

780 (b) Any person who misleads or attempts to mislead the  
 781 commissioner by removing or altering the official identification of any  
 782 livestock or by falsifying a certificate of veterinary inspection shall be  
 783 fined two hundred fifty dollars for a first such violation and shall be  
 784 guilty of a class D misdemeanor for any second or subsequent such  
 785 violation.

786 Sec. 26. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Any laboratory or veterinarian  
 787 that conducts testing of livestock or poultry in this state shall notify the  
 788 State Veterinarian, on forms or in a manner prescribed by the  
 789 Commissioner of Agriculture, of any positive test results for any  
 790 notifiable or reportable disease pursuant to section 22-26f of the general  
 791 statutes. Such notification shall be made not later than twenty-four  
 792 hours after receipt of any such results. Any person who violates this  
 793 section for a first violation shall be subject to an administrative civil  
 794 penalty, issued pursuant to section 22-7 of the general statutes, of not  
 795 more than five hundred dollars, and for any such second or subsequent  
 796 violation, not more than one thousand dollars.

797 Sec. 27. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) The Commissioner of  
798 Agriculture shall be the state official in charge of inspecting any  
799 producer and any producer that also operates as a rabbit processing  
800 facility. Any inspection conducted pursuant to this section by the  
801 commissioner, or the commissioner's designated agent, shall be  
802 consistent with the requirements of any applicable provision of the  
803 Code of Federal Regulations, including, but not limited to, any health,  
804 sanitary and safety-related provision. Rabbit processing facilities that  
805 have passed Department of Agriculture facility inspections pursuant to  
806 this section shall be designated as approved food sources for household  
807 consumers, restaurants, hotels, boarding houses and retail food  
808 establishments. For purposes of this section, "producer" means any  
809 person, firm or corporation engaged in the breeding, raising or keeping  
810 of not more than one thousand rabbits in a calendar year for the purpose  
811 of food production.

812 Sec. 28. Subsection (a) of section 22-277 of the general statutes is  
813 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
814 *passage*):

815 (a) As used in this section, "livestock animal" means any camelid or  
816 hooved animal raised for domestic or commercial use. The  
817 Commissioner of Agriculture shall supervise commission sales stables  
818 where livestock animals are sold at public auctions. Any person, firm or  
819 corporation engaged in the business of selling livestock animals at such  
820 auctions or sales shall annually apply to said commissioner for a license  
821 upon a form to be prescribed by the commissioner. The fee for each such  
822 license shall be one hundred ninety dollars, payable to said  
823 commissioner. Each such license shall be issued for the period of one  
824 year from July first and may be revoked for cause. If, in the judgment of  
825 the commissioner, any provision of this section has been violated, the  
826 commissioner shall send notice by registered or certified mail to the  
827 licensee, who shall be given a hearing, and, if violation is proven, the  
828 license shall be revoked. If a license to deal in livestock, issued to any  
829 person, firm or corporation by another state, has been suspended or  
830 revoked by such state within five years next preceding the date of

831 issuance or renewal of a license to such person, firm or corporation  
832 under the provisions of this section, such suspension or revocation shall  
833 constitute just cause for revocation under this section. All dairy animals  
834 to be sold at such auction shall be segregated from beef animals prior to  
835 such sales. The sale of dairy animals shall precede the sale of those  
836 assigned for slaughter. All bovines more than three hundred pounds in  
837 weight, except dairy and breeding animals, that are delivered to a sale  
838 shall be branded with the letter "S" in a conspicuous place or identified  
839 in a manner acceptable to the commissioner or the commissioner's  
840 designee by the operator of the sale or the operator's representative. All  
841 dairy and breeding animals from within the state arriving at a sale shall  
842 be from a herd that: (1) Is under state supervision for the control of  
843 brucellosis and tuberculosis and that has been tested for brucellosis and  
844 tuberculosis less than fourteen months before the sale, (2) has been  
845 tested for tuberculosis less than fourteen months before the sale and is  
846 regularly tested under the brucellosis ring test program of the  
847 Department of Agriculture, or (3) is certified to be brucellosis-free under  
848 the program established pursuant to section 22-299a. All dairy and  
849 breeding animals arriving at a sale from outside the state shall comply  
850 with [section 22-304] chapter 433 and be accompanied by a health  
851 certificate issued by the livestock official of the state of their origin and  
852 by an import permit from the commissioner. All animals offered for  
853 dairy or breeding purposes shall be identified by an official ear tag, or  
854 by a breed registration number if accompanied by the corresponding  
855 breed registration certificate. Animals consigned for slaughter shall be  
856 sold only to owners or agents of slaughtering establishments and moved  
857 directly to such slaughtering establishments for immediate slaughter or  
858 slaughter that occurs not later than seventy-two hours after the time of  
859 sale. All stables and sales rings shall be kept clean and shall be suitably  
860 disinfected prior to each sale. The provisions of this section shall not  
861 apply to the sale of an individual herd at an auction conducted by the  
862 owner thereof. Any person, or any officer or agent of any corporation,  
863 who violates any provision of this section or who obstructs or attempts  
864 to obstruct the Commissioner of Agriculture or the commissioner's  
865 deputy or assistants in the performance of their duty, shall be guilty of

866 a class D misdemeanor.

867 Sec. 29. Sections 22-284, 22-304, 22-318, 22-318b, 22-291 to 22-293,  
 868 inclusive, and 22-310 to 22-313, inclusive, of the general statutes are  
 869 repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22-278
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	22-279
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	22-279a
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	22-287
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	22-288
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	22-288a
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	22-294
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	22-295
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	22-296
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	22-298
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	22-301
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	22-303
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	22-308
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	22-309
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 20	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 21	<i>from passage</i>	22-316
Sec. 22	<i>from passage</i>	22-318a
Sec. 23	<i>from passage</i>	22-319b
Sec. 24	<i>from passage</i>	22-320a
Sec. 25	<i>from passage</i>	22-321
Sec. 26	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 27	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 28	<i>from passage</i>	22-277(a)
Sec. 29	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide enhanced procedures concerning the regulation of livestock by the Department of Agriculture for the prevention and containment of contagious and infectious diseases and to authorize the regulation and inspection of rabbit producing and processing facilities that produce and process rabbits for consumption by household consumers, hotels and restaurants.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*