



General Assembly

**Committee Bill No. 298**

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LCO No. 3916



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING PERMITTING FOR LOCAL BUTCHER SHOPS TO PROCESS FARMER-OWNED LIVESTOCK.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of  
2 Agriculture shall seek funding from the federal Meat and Poultry  
3 Processing Expansion Program to enable butcher shops in the state to  
4 serve as United States Department of Agriculture approved processors  
5 for local farmers. Such request for funding may include, but shall not  
6 be limited to, the establishment by the commissioner of a start-up  
7 cooperative, in partnership with the Connecticut Farm Bureau, for  
8 butcher shops to serve as United States Department of Agriculture  
9 meat processing facilities in the state for local producers.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**ENV** Joint Favorable