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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6726

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

1 Strike lines 69 to 73, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "(8) "Owner-shipper statement" means a document that meets the
4 requirements of 9 CFR 86.1, and that is signed by the owner or shipper
5 of the livestock and contains a statement certifying that the animals are
6 being transported for purposes stipulated on such form in accordance
7 with Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations;"

8 In line 202, strike "Brucellosis" and insert "Tuberculosis" in lieu
9 thereof

10 In line 427, strike "Every two years thereafter, each"

11 Strike lines 428 and 429 in their entirety and insert the following in

12 lieu thereof:

13 "Thereafter, each registered milk producing herd shall be
14 surveillance tested for tuberculosis and brucellosis by the department at
15 a frequency to be determined by the state veterinarian."

16 Strike section 27 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

17 "Sec. 27. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) The Commissioner of
18 Agriculture shall be the state official in charge of inspecting any
19 producer and any producer that also operates as a rabbit processing
20 facility. Any inspection conducted pursuant to this section by the
21 commissioner, or the commissioner's designated agent, shall be
22 consistent with the requirements of any applicable provision of the
23 Code of Federal Regulations, including, but not limited to, any health,
24 sanitary and safety-related provision. Rabbit processing facilities that
25 have passed Department of Agriculture facility inspections pursuant to
26 this section shall be designated as approved food sources for household
27 consumers, restaurants, hotels, boarding houses and retail food
28 establishments. For purposes of this section, "producer" means any
29 person, firm or corporation engaged in the breeding, raising or keeping
30 of not more than six hundred rabbits in a calendar year for the purpose
31 of food production.

32 (b) Not later than January 1, 2025, the Department of Agriculture shall
33 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
34 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
35 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment on
36 the implementation of the provisions of subsection (a) of this section."

37 In line 849, after "animals" insert "which are not cosigned for
38 immediate slaughter,"

39 In line 852, after "commissioner" insert "or, alternatively, such dairy
40 or breeding animals shall be examined by a licensed accredited
41 veterinarian who shall issue an interstate health certificate for such
42 animal at the expense of the licensee"

43 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
44 internal references accordingly:

45 "Sec. 501. Subsection (c) of section 22-342 of the general statutes, as
46 amended by section 3 of senate bill 1069 of the current session, as
47 amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed and the
48 following substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

49 (c) The commissioner, the Chief Animal Control Officer or any state
50 animal control officer may at any time inspect any kennel including all
51 facilities of any kennel in which dogs are bred or housed or cause it to
52 be inspected by a Connecticut licensed veterinarian appointed by the
53 commissioner. If, in the judgment of the commissioner, such kennel is
54 not being maintained in good repair and in a sanitary and humane
55 manner or if the commissioner finds that communicable or infectious
56 disease or other unsatisfactory conditions exist in the kennel, he may
57 issue such orders as he deems necessary for the correction of such
58 conditions and may quarantine the premises and animals. If the owner
59 or keeper of such kennel fails to comply with such orders, the
60 commissioner shall revoke or suspend the kennel license of such owner
61 or keeper. [Each] On or after July 1, 2023, each such kennel [shall] may
62 be inspected annually by an animal control officer appointed pursuant
63 to section 22-331 or 22-331a with jurisdiction in the municipality in
64 which such kennel is located, or upon receipt of any complaint about
65 such kennel. Such inspection shall include an evaluation of: (1) The
66 sanitary conditions in which the dogs are kept, (2) the dogs' access to
67 proper and wholesome food, potable water, exercise and veterinary care
68 when necessary, including rabies vaccinations, and (3) records of
69 veterinary care and records of the transfer of dogs or puppies to new
70 owners. Any crate or other enclosure in which any dog is kept for more
71 than four hours shall be clean and in good repair, such that the crate or
72 enclosure does not pose a hazard to the dog, and shall be of sufficient
73 size as to allow the dogs to stand, sit, lie down, turn around and make
74 normal postural movements. If any animal control officer finds
75 conditions exist in such kennel that may adversely affect the health,
76 safety or welfare of any dog, such animal control officer may issue such

77 orders as are necessary for the correction of such conditions. If such
78 animal control officer suspects a communicable or infectious disease is
79 present, such officer may order the licensee to consult a Connecticut
80 licensed veterinarian at such licensee's expense to address the suspected
81 health condition. The licensee shall implement any order of the animal
82 control officer to correct any condition that may adversely affect the
83 health, safety or welfare of any such dog, and shall follow any
84 recommendation of such veterinarian, as applicable. A municipality
85 may suspend, revoke or refuse to issue any local kennel license under
86 this section for cause."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 27	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	22-342(c)