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LCO No. 1860



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE FOR TECHNICAL CHANGES TO ENVIRONMENT-RELATED STATUTES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 22-277 of the 2024 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) As used in this section, "livestock animal" means any camelid or
5 hooved animal raised for domestic or commercial use. The
6 Commissioner of Agriculture shall supervise commission sales stables
7 where livestock animals are sold at public auctions. Any person, firm or
8 corporation engaged in the business of selling livestock animals at such
9 auctions or sales shall annually apply to said commissioner for a license
10 upon a form to be prescribed by the commissioner. The fee for each such
11 license shall be one hundred ninety dollars, payable to said
12 commissioner. Each such license shall be issued for the period of one
13 year from July first and may be revoked for cause. If, in the judgment of
14 the commissioner, any provision of this section has been violated, the

15 commissioner shall send notice by registered or certified mail to the
16 licensee, who shall be given a hearing, and, if violation is proven, the
17 license shall be revoked. If a license to deal in livestock, issued to any
18 person, firm or corporation by another state, has been suspended or
19 revoked by such state within five years next preceding the date of
20 issuance or renewal of a license to such person, firm or corporation
21 under the provisions of this section, such suspension or revocation shall
22 constitute just cause for revocation under this section. All dairy animals
23 to be sold at such auction shall be segregated from beef animals prior to
24 such sales. The sale of dairy animals shall precede the sale of those
25 assigned for slaughter. All bovines more than three hundred pounds in
26 weight, except dairy and breeding animals, that are delivered to a sale
27 shall be branded with the letter "S" in a conspicuous place or identified
28 in a manner acceptable to the commissioner or the commissioner's
29 designee by the operator of the sale or the operator's representative. All
30 dairy and breeding animals from within the state arriving at a sale shall
31 be from a herd that: (1) Is under state supervision for the control of
32 brucellosis and tuberculosis and that has been tested for brucellosis and
33 tuberculosis less than fourteen months before the sale, (2) has been
34 tested for tuberculosis less than fourteen months before the sale and is
35 regularly tested under the brucellosis ring test program of the
36 Department of Agriculture, or (3) is certified to be brucellosis-free under
37 the program established pursuant to section 22-299a. All dairy and
38 breeding animals which are not [cosigned] consigned for immediate
39 slaughter, arriving at a sale from outside the state shall comply with
40 chapter 433 and be accompanied by a health certificate issued by the
41 livestock official of the state of their origin and by an import permit from
42 the commissioner or, alternatively, such dairy or breeding animals shall
43 be examined by a licensed accredited veterinarian who shall issue an
44 interstate health certificate for such animal at the expense of the licensee.
45 All animals offered for dairy or breeding purposes shall be identified by
46 an official ear tag, or by a breed registration number if accompanied by
47 the corresponding breed registration certificate. Animals consigned for
48 slaughter shall be sold only to owners or agents of slaughtering
49 establishments and moved directly to such slaughtering establishments

50 for immediate slaughter or slaughter that occurs not later than seventy-
51 two hours after the time of sale. All stables and sales rings shall be kept
52 clean and shall be suitably disinfected prior to each sale. The provisions
53 of this section shall not apply to the sale of an individual herd at an
54 auction conducted by the owner thereof. Any person, or any officer or
55 agent of any corporation, who violates any provision of this section or
56 who obstructs or attempts to obstruct the Commissioner of Agriculture
57 or the commissioner's deputy or assistants in the performance of their
58 duty, shall be guilty of a class D misdemeanor.

59 Sec. 2. Section 22-308b of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes
60 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
61 *passage*):

62 All cattle or bison imported into this state shall be accompanied by
63 an import permit required pursuant to section 22-308 and a certificate of
64 veterinary inspection issued by an accredited veterinarian thirty days or
65 less prior to entry to the state that includes the dates and results of any
66 tests required by this section, the official identification of each animal
67 and certification that such cattle or bison meet the following
68 requirements: (1) They originated from a herd that was negative to a
69 whole herd tuberculin test performed not more than twelve months
70 prior to such entry into this state and each imported animal was
71 included in such whole herd test or tested negative to a tuberculosis test
72 performed not more than sixty days prior to entry into this state, and (2)
73 for bulls and non-brucellosis vaccinated female cattle six months of age
74 and older and for official calfhoo[d] ~~[vaccinates]~~ vaccinated eighteen
75 months of age and older, that they are negative to an official test for
76 brucellosis that was performed not more than thirty days prior to entry
77 into this state. Spayed heifers and steers imported as feeder cattle are
78 exempt from such brucellosis testing. Cattle and bison vaccinated as
79 adults for brucellosis are not eligible for entry into the state. Cattle and
80 bison that were vaccinated when they were more than three hundred
81 fifty-nine days of age with diluted *Brucella abortus* vaccine are not
82 eligible for entry into the state.

83 Sec. 3. Section 23-5 of the general statutes is repealed and the
84 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

85 The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
86 have charge and supervision of all lands acquired by the state, as public
87 reservations, for the [purposes] purpose of public recreation or the
88 preservation of natural beauty or historic association, except such lands
89 as may be placed by law in the charge and under the supervision of
90 other commissions or officials.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22-277(a)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	22-308b
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	23-5

Statement of Purpose:

To make technical changes to certain environment-related statutes.

[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.]