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#### HB2822

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## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 650/2

from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 302

Amends the Meat and Poultry Inspection Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning definitions.

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AN ACT concerning regulation.

# 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Meat and Poultry Inspection Act is amended
by changing Section 2 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 650/2) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 302)

7 Sec. 2. Definitions. As used in this Act:

8 "Adulterated" means any carcass, or part of a carcass, meat 9 or meat food product, or poultry or poultry food product if:

10 (1) it bears or contains any poisonous or deleterious 11 substance which may render it injurious to health, but if 12 <u>the the</u> substance is not an added substance the article is 13 not adulterated under this paragraph if the quantity of 14 such substance in or on the article does not ordinarily 15 render it injurious to health;

16 (2) it bears or contains, because of the administering 17 of any substance to the live animal, poultry, or other food 18 product, any added poisonous or added deleterious 19 substance other than (A) a pesticide chemical in or on a 20 raw agricultural commodity or (B) a food additive or a 21 color additive that, in the judgment of the Director, may make the article unfit for human food; 22

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(3) it is, in whole or in part, a raw agricultural

commodity and the commodity bears or contains a pesticide
 chemical that is unsafe within the meaning of Section 408
 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act;

4 (4) it bears or contains any food additive that is
5 unsafe within the meaning of Section 409 of the federal
6 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act;

7 (5) it bears or contains any color additive which is 8 unsafe within the meaning of Section 706 of the federal 9 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, provided that an article that 10 is not adulterated under paragraph (3), (4), or (5) is 11 nevertheless adulterated if use of the pesticide chemical, 12 food additive, or color additive in or on the article is 13 prohibited under Section 13 or 16 of this Act;

14 (6) it consists in whole or in part of any filthy, 15 putrid, or decomposed substance or is for any reason 16 unsound, unhealthful, unwholesome, or otherwise unfit for 17 human food;

18 (7) it has been prepared, packed, or held under 19 unsanitary conditions whereby it may have become 20 contaminated with filth, or whereby it may have been 21 rendered injurious to health;

(8) it is, in whole or in part, the product of an
animal or poultry that has died otherwise than by
slaughter;

(9) its container is composed, in whole or in part, of
 any poisonous or deleterious substance that may render the

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1 contents injurious to health;

(10) it has been intentionally subjected to radiation,
unless the use of the radiation was in conformity with a
regulation or exemption under Section 409 of the federal
Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act;

6 (11) any valuable constituent has been in whole or in 7 part omitted or abstracted from the article; any substance 8 been substituted, wholly or in part; damage or has 9 inferiority has been concealed in any manner; or any 10 substance has been added, mixed, or packed with the article 11 to increase its bulk or weight, to reduce its quality or 12 strength, or to make it appear better or of greater value than it is; or 13

14 (12) it bears or contains sodium benzoate or benzoic
15 acid or any combination thereof, except as permitted in
16 accordance with the federal meat or poultry programs.

17 "Amenable" means foods containing 3% or more raw, or more 18 than 2% cooked, red meat or poultry, other edible portions of 19 carcass or bird, or products that historically have been 20 considered by customers as products of the meat or poultry 21 industry.

22 "Animals" means cattle, calves, American bison (buffalo), 23 catalo, cattalo, sheep, swine, domestic deer, domestic elk, 24 domestic antelope, domestic reindeer, ratites, water buffalo, 25 and goats.

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"Capable of use as human food" means the carcass of any

1 animal or poultry, or part or product of a carcass of any 2 animal or poultry, unless it is denatured to deter its use as 3 human food or it is naturally inedible by humans.

"Custom processing" means the cutting up, 4 packaging, 5 wrapping, storing, freezing, smoking, or curing of meat or poultry products as a service by an establishment for the owner 6 7 or the agent of the owner of the meat or poultry products 8 exclusively for use in the household of the owner and his or 9 her nonpaying quests and employees or slaughtering with respect 10 to live poultry purchased by the consumer at this establishment 11 and processed by a custom plant operator in accordance with the 12 consumer's instructions.

"Custom slaughter" means the slaughtering, skinning, defeathering, eviscerating, cutting up, packaging, or wrapping of animals or poultry as a service by an establishment for the owner or the agent of the owner of the animals or poultry exclusively for use in the household of the owner and his or her nonpaying guests and employees.

19 "Department" means the Department of Agriculture of the20 State of Illinois.

21 "Director" means, unless otherwise provided, the Director 22 of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Illinois or 23 his or her duly appointed representative.

"Establishment" means all premises where animals, poultry, or both, are slaughtered or otherwise prepared either for custom, resale, or retail for food purposes, meat or poultry

canneries, sausage factories, smoking or curing operations,
 restaurants, grocery stores, brokerages, cold storage plants,
 processing plants, and similar places.

4 "Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act" means the Act
5 approved June 25, 1938 (52 Stat. 1040), as now or hereafter
6 amended.

7 "Federal inspection" means the meat and poultry inspection 8 service conducted by the United States Department of 9 Agriculture by the authority of the Federal Meat Inspection Act 10 and the Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act.

"Federal Meat Inspection Act" means the Act approved March 4, 1907 (34 Stat. 1260), as now or hereafter amended by the Wholesome Meat Act (81 Stat. 584), as now or hereafter amended.

"Illinois inspected and condemned" means that the meat or poultry product so identified and marked is unhealthful, unwholesome, adulterated, or otherwise unfit for human food and shall be disposed of in the manner prescribed by the Department.

"Illinois inspected and passed" means that the meat or poultry product so stamped and identified has been inspected and passed under the provisions of this Act and the rules and regulations pertaining thereto at the time of inspection and identification was found to be sound, clean, wholesome, and unadulterated.

25 "Illinois retained" means that the meat or poultry product 26 so identified is held for further clinical examination by a

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1 veterinary inspector to determine its disposal.

2 "Immediate container" means any consumer package or any 3 other container in which livestock products or poultry 4 products, not consumer packaged, are packed.

5 "Inspector" means any employee of the Department 6 authorized by the Director to inspect animals and poultry or 7 meat and poultry products.

8 "Label" means a display of written, printed, or graphic 9 matter upon any article or the immediate container, not 10 including package liners, of any article.

"Labeling" means all labels and other written, printed, or graphic matter (i) upon any article or any of its containers or wrappers or (ii) accompanying the article.

"Meat broker", "poultry broker", or "meat and poultry 14 broker" means any person, firm, or corporation engaged in the 15 16 business of buying, negotiating for purchase of, handling or 17 taking possession of, or selling meat or poultry products on commission or otherwise purchasing or selling of such articles 18 other than for the person's own account in their original 19 20 containers without changing the character of the products in 21 any way. A broker shall not possess any processing equipment in 22 his or her licensed facility.

"Meat food product" means any product capable of use as human food that is made wholly or in part from any meat or other portion of the carcass of any cattle, sheep, swine, or goats, except products that contain meat or other portions of

such carcasses only in a relatively small proportion or 1 2 products that historically have not been considered by 3 consumers as products of the meat food industry and that are exempted from definition as a meat food product by the Director 4 5 under such conditions as the Director may prescribe to assure that the meat or other portions of such carcass contained in 6 7 such product are not adulterated and that such products are not 8 represented as meat food products. This term as applied to food 9 products of equines or domestic deer shall have a meaning 10 comparable to that provided in this definition with respect to 11 cattle, sheep, swine, and goats.

12 "Misbranded" means any carcass, part thereof, meat or meat 13 food product, or poultry or poultry food product if:

14 (1) its labeling is false or misleading in any 15 particular;

16 (2) it is offered for sale under the name of another 17 food;

18 (3) it is an imitation of another food, unless its 19 label bears, in type of uniform size and prominence, the 20 word "imitation" followed immediately by the name of the 21 food imitated;

(4) its container is made, formed, or filled so as tobe misleading;

(5) it does not bear a label showing (i) the name and
 place of business of the manufacturer, packer, or
 distributor and (ii) an accurate statement of the quantity

of the contents in terms of weight, measure, or numerical count; however, reasonable variations in such statement of quantity may be permitted;

(6) any word, statement, or other information required 4 5 by or under authority of this Act to appear on the label or 6 other labeling is not prominently placed thereon with such 7 conspicuousness as compared with other words, statements, 8 designs, or devices in the labeling and in such terms as to 9 make the label likely to be read and understood by the 10 general public under customary conditions of purchase and 11 use;

12 (7) it purports to be or is represented as a food for which a definition and standard of identity or composition 13 14 is prescribed in Sections 13 and 16 of this Act unless (i) 15 it conforms to such definition and standard and (ii) its 16 label bears the name of the food specified in the 17 and, definition and standard as required by such regulations, the common names of optional ingredients 18 19 other than spices and flavoring present in such food;

20 (8) it purports to be or is represented as a food for which a standard of fill of container is prescribed in 21 22 Section 13 of this Act and it falls below the applicable 23 standard of fill of container applicable thereto, unless 24 label bears, in such manner and form as its such 25 regulations specify, a statement that it falls below such 26 standard;

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(9) it is not subject to the provisions of paragraph 1 2 (7), unless its label bears (i) the common or usual name of 3 the food, if any, and (ii) if it is fabricated from 2 or more ingredients, the common or usual name of each 4 5 ingredient, except that spices and flavorings may, when 6 authorized by standards or regulations adopted in or as 7 provided by Sections 13 and 16 of this Act, be designated 8 as spices and flavorings without naming each;

9 (10) it purports to be or is represented for special 10 dietary uses, unless its label bears such information 11 concerning its vitamin, mineral, and other dietary 12 properties as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture of 13 the United States in order to fully inform purchasers as to 14 its value for such uses;

(11) it bears or contains any artificial flavoring,
artificial coloring, or chemical preservative, unless it
bears labeling stating that fact or is exempt; or

(12) it fails to bear, directly thereon or on its 18 19 container, the inspection legend and unrestricted by any of 20 foregoing provisions, such other information the as necessary to assure that it will not have false or 21 22 misleading labeling and that the public will be informed of 23 the manner of handling required to maintain the article in a wholesome condition. 24

25 "Official establishment" means any establishment as 26 determined by the Director at which inspection of the slaughter

of livestock or poultry or the preparation of livestock products or poultry products is maintained under the authority of this Act.

"Official mark of inspection" means the official mark of
inspection used to identify the status of any meat product or
poultry product or animal under this Act as established by
rule.

the 8 Prior manufacture, a complete and to accurate 9 description and design of all the brands, legends, and symbols 10 shall be submitted to the Director for approval as to 11 compliance with this Act. Each brand or symbol that bears the 12 official mark shall be delivered into the custody of the 13 inspector in charge of the establishment and shall be used only 14 under the supervision of a Department employee. When not in 15 use, all such brands and symbols bearing the official mark of 16 inspection shall be secured in a locked locker or compartment, 17 the keys of which shall not leave the possession of Department 18 employees.

19 "Person" means any individual or entity, including, but not 20 limited to, a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, 21 cooperative, association, limited liability company, estate, 22 or trust.

23 "Pesticide chemical", "food additive", "color additive", 24 and "raw agricultural commodity" have the same meanings for 25 purposes of this Act as under the federal Food, Drug, and 26 Cosmetic Act.

"Poultry" means domesticated birds or rabbits, or both,
 dead or alive, capable of being used for human food.

3 "Poultry products" means the carcasses or parts of 4 carcasses of poultry produced entirely or in substantial part 5 from such poultry, including but not limited to such products 6 cooked, pressed, smoked, dried, pickled, frozen, or similarly 7 processed.

8 "Poultry Products Inspection Act" means the Act approved 9 August 28, 1957 (71 Stat. 441), as now or hereafter amended by 10 the Wholesome Poultry Products Act, approved August 18, 1968 11 (82 Stat. 791), as now or hereafter amended.

12 "Poultry Raiser" means any person who raises poultry, 13 including rabbits, on his or her own farm or premises who does 14 not qualify as a producer as defined under this Act.

15 "Processor" means any person engaged in the business of 16 preparing food from animals, including poultry, derived wholly 17 or in part from livestock or poultry carcasses or parts or 18 products of such carcasses.

19 "Shipping container" means any container used or intended 20 for use in packaging the product packed in an immediate 21 container.

"Slaughterer" means an establishment where any or all of the following may be performed on animals or poultry: (i) stunning; (ii) bleeding; (iii) defeathering, dehairing, or skinning; (iv) eviscerating; or (v) preparing carcasses for chilling.

"State inspection" means the meat and poultry inspection service conducted by the Department of Agriculture of the State of Illinois by the authority of this Act.

4 (Source: P.A. 94-1052, eff. 1-1-07.)