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H. B. 2658

(By Delegates A. Evans, Hamilton, Romine, L. Phillips, Ambler,
Eldridge, Guthrie, Rowan, Canterbury and Lynch)

[By Request of the Department of Agriculture]

[Introduced February 6, 2015; referred to the

Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources then Health and Human Resources.]

A BILL to amend and reenact §19-29-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the inspection and slaughter of nontraditional agriculture; and removing the requirement that all nontraditional agriculture needing to be slaughtered be slaughtered in an inspected slaughterhouse.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §19-29-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 29. PRODUCTION OF NONTRADITIONAL AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS.

§19-29-4. Inspection of animals, meat and meat products.

The commissioner shall ~~promulgate~~ propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code, to include inspection of the meat from nontraditional agriculture intended for sale in commercial outlets. ~~All nontraditional agriculture needing to be slaughtered shall be slaughtered in an inspected slaughterhouse.~~

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to remove the requirement that all nontraditional agriculture needing to be slaughtered be slaughtered in an inspected slaughterhouse.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.