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[BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE]

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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.

- 1 The commissioner shall promulgate propose rules for
- 2 <u>legislative approval</u> in accordance with <u>article three</u>, chapter
- 3 twenty-nine-a of this code, to include inspection of the meat
- 4 from nontraditional agriculture intended for sale in commercial
- 5 outlets. All nontraditional agriculture needing to be slaughtered
- 6 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.