



General Assembly

February Session, 2020

***Raised Bill No. 5337***

LCO No. 1517



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCESSING OF RABBITS FOR CONSUMPTION.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this  
2 section, "producer" means any person, firm or corporation engaged in  
3 the breeding, raising or keeping of not more than one thousand rabbits  
4 of all species in a calendar year for the purpose of food production.

5 (b) The Commissioner of Agriculture shall be the state official in  
6 charge of inspecting any producer and any producer that also operates  
7 as a rabbit processing facility. Any inspection conducted pursuant to  
8 this subsection shall be consistent with the requirements of any  
9 applicable provision of the Code of Federal Regulations, including, but  
10 not limited to, any health, sanitary and safety-related provision. Rabbit  
11 processing facilities that have passed Department of Agriculture facility  
12 inspections pursuant to this subsection shall be designated as approved  
13 food sources for household consumers, restaurants, hotels, boarding  
14 houses and retail food establishments.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide a means for the processing of rabbits in the state for consumption by consumers and retail food establishments.

*[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.]*