

House Bill 128

By: Representatives Stover of the 71st, Allison of the 8th, McCall of the 33rd, Cooke of the 18th, Turner of the 21st, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 26-2-202 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 promulgation of rules and regulations by the Commissioner of Agriculture regarding
3 standards, labeling, and adulteration relative to meat, poultry, and dairy processing plants,
4 so as to prohibit adoption of rules for poultry processing which are more restrictive than
5 federal regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 26-2-202 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to promulgation
10 of rules and regulations by the Commissioner of Agriculture regarding standards, labeling,
11 and adulteration relative to meat, poultry, and dairy processing plants, is amended by revising
12 subsection (b) as follows:

13 "(b) The Commissioner shall adopt sanitary standards and specifications that are not less
14 than those recognized and approved by the United States Department of Agriculture or the
15 United States Department of Health and Human Services for like products and premises;
16 provided, however, that the Commissioner shall not adopt any regulations that are more
17 restrictive than the rules set forth in the 9 C.F.R. Section 381.10, as such rules existed on
18 January 1, 2015."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.