

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, SANCHEZ, KINSEY, SCHLOSSBERG, HILL-EVANS, GIRAL, PASHINSKI, KHAN, McNEILL AND D. WILLIAMS, JUNE 26, 2024

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 28, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 6, 1956 (1955 P.L.1429, No.466),
2 entitled "An act providing for and regulating the licensing
3 of poultry technicians by the Secretary of Agriculture for
4 the drawing of blood from poultry to be used in pullorum
5 testing programs," further providing for collection of
6 samples, for technician requirements, for licensure, for
7 powers and duties of Secretary of Agriculture and for blood
8 sample restrictions.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Sections 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8 of the act of April 6,
12 1956 (1955 P.L.1429, No.466), referred to as the Poultry
13 Technician Licensure Law, are amended to read:

14 Section 1. The Secretary of Agriculture, when he determines
15 that there is a need for trained technicians to aid in [drawing
16 blood from poultry to be used in pullorum testing programs, may
17 license as many trained technicians as he deems necessary to aid
18 the programs.] the collection of regulatory samples from poultry
19 and eggs and conduct on-site surveillance for dangerous
20 transmissible diseases of poultry, may license as many certified

1 poultry technicians as he deems necessary to carry out specified
2 regulatory sampling and testing procedures. The Secretary of
3 Agriculture may establish the licensing and certification
4 standards, and the regulatory sampling and testing procedures,
5 AND MAY PROVIDE FOR TRAINING IN SPANISH, through the issuance of <--
6 a general quarantine ORDER under the authority of 3 Pa.C.S. § <--
7 2329 (relating to quarantine).

8 Section 2. Every applicant for licensure as a poultry
9 technician shall furnish evidence that [he is] they are at least
10 eighteen years of age, [a citizen of the United States, or has
11 legally declared his intention to become such, is of good moral
12 character, has completed at least eight years of education in a
13 public, parochial or private school, or its equivalent, as
14 evaluated by the Department of Public Instruction, and has] can
15 legally work in the United States and have satisfactorily
16 completed a course of training [in poultry blood-testing] as a
17 certified poultry technician as prescribed by the Department of
18 Agriculture.

19 Section 4. No application for licensure as a poultry
20 technician shall be considered unless accompanied by a fee of
21 [five dollars (\$5)] ten dollars (\$10). Such licenses when issued
22 shall be in force, unless revoked for cause, until January first
23 of each year, at which time they may be renewed upon payment of
24 the [five dollars (\$5)] ten dollars (\$10) fee if renewal
25 application is approved by the Department of Agriculture.

26 Appeals from any action of the Secretary of Agriculture,
27 which results in a refusal to issue or renew, or in a suspension
28 or revocation of a license, shall be taken in accordance with
29 the provisions of the act of June four, one thousand nine
30 hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 1388), known as the

1 "Administrative Agency Law."

2 Section 6. The Secretary of Agriculture may (1) adopt and
3 promulgate rules, quarantine orders and regulations governing
4 the activities, methods and functions of all technicians
5 licensed under the provisions of this act, and (2) suspend or
6 revoke the license of any licensee who is (i) incompetent, (ii)
7 fails to comply with the provisions of this act, quarantine
8 orders or any rule or regulation of the secretary, or (iii) is
9 intemperate in the use of stimulants, narcotics or any other
10 substance which impairs the performance of his duties.

11 [Section 8. A person licensed under the provisions of this
12 act engaged to draw blood samples from poultry to be used in
13 pullorum testing shall not be an employe of the owner of the
14 poultry.]

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.