

House Bill 105

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to animals, so as to  
2 revise certain provisions relative to poultry; to change certain provisions relating to rendering  
3 plant license requirement, expiration, and fees; to change certain provisions relating to  
4 poultry dealer, broker, and market operator license requirement and record requirements,  
5 transportation equipment, and disposal of poultry; to change certain provisions relating to  
6 hatchery operator and poultry remedy manufacturer licenses; to change certain provisions  
7 relating to use of sulfaguanidine and sulfathiazole for poultry; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
8 for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to animals, is amended by  
12 revising Code Section 4-4-41, relating to rendering plant license requirement, expiration, and  
13 fees, as follows:

14 "4-4-41.

15 It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, or corporation to engage in the  
16 business of operating a rendering plant without first applying for and obtaining a license  
17 from the Commissioner of Agriculture. Each license shall expire on December 31 of each  
18 year, and each application for a license must be accompanied by a license fee of \$5.00.

19 There shall be no fee for such license."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 Said title is further amended by revising subsections (a) and (c) of Code Section 4-4-82,  
22 relating to poultry dealer, broker, and market operator license requirement and record  
23 requirements, transportation equipment, and disposal of poultry, as follows:

24 "(a) No poultry market operator shall engage in or carry on such business without first  
25 applying for and obtaining a license from the Commissioner. No poultry dealer or broker

1 shall engage in or carry on such business without first applying for and obtaining a license  
2 from the Commissioner. There shall be a fee of \$25.00 per annum no fee for such license."

3 "(c) No dealer, broker, or poultry market operator shall buy, store, or otherwise receive any  
4 poultry without first recording the name ~~and address of~~ of and other pertinent information  
5 required by the department relating to the person or persons from whom the poultry is  
6 received; and the number and type of such poultry, ~~and the motor vehicle license tag~~  
7 ~~number of the vehicle used by the person or persons to transport the poultry.~~ The dealer,  
8 broker, or poultry market operator shall also keep records of the name ~~and address of~~ of  
9 and other pertinent information required by the department relating to the person or persons  
10 buying such poultry. These records shall be maintained for two years. All records shall be  
11 subject to review by the Commissioner or a representative or employee of the department."

### 12 SECTION 3.

13 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 4-7-3, relating to hatchery operator  
14 and poultry remedy manufacturer licenses, as follows:

15 "4-7-3.

16 (a) Every person, firm, corporation, or dealer who operates a hatchery shall first register  
17 and secure a permanent license from the Commissioner. ~~The fee for such permanent license~~  
18 ~~shall be fixed by the Commissioner in an amount not to exceed \$10.00 for each hatchery,~~  
19 ~~dealer, or branch~~ There shall be no fee for such license. The license shall be conspicuously  
20 displayed in each place of business. The license shall not be transferable. When any  
21 condition is revealed to exist which is not in strict accord with this chapter, the license may  
22 be revoked or suspended by the Commissioner, in his or her discretion.

23 (b) Manufacturers of poultry remedies, before offering for sale each of such remedies in  
24 the state for treatment, eradication, or control of poultry diseases, shall first secure a license  
25 from and be approved by the Commissioner, at his or her discretion. ~~The fee for such~~  
26 ~~license shall be \$1.00 for each remedy~~ There shall be no fee for such license."

### 27 SECTION 4.

28 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 4-7-5, relating to use of sulfaguanidine  
29 and sulfathiazole for poultry, as follows:

30 "4-7-5.

31 ~~(a) It shall be lawful in this state for any recognized poultry flock owners to buy and use~~  
32 ~~sulfaguanidine and sulfathiazole in original packages in powdered form only for their own~~  
33 ~~requirements in the treatment of poultry diseases. Dealers in poultry supplies may buy and~~  
34 ~~sell sulfaguanidine and sulfathiazole.~~

1 ~~(b) No person, firm, or corporation in this state shall sell or offer for sale sulfaguanidine~~  
2 ~~or sulfathiazole unless each is plainly labeled with the words 'For Poultry Only.' Reserved."~~

3 **SECTION 5.**

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