

House Bill 450

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to inspection of animals, carcasses, meat, and meat food products, so as
3 to exempt in-person sales of meat food products from certain requirements; to provide for
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Part 3 of Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
8 relating to inspection of animals, carcasses, meat, and meat food products, is amended by
9 revising Code Section 26-2-112, relating to inspection exceptions and labeling and handling
10 of custom slaughtered and prepared meat or meat food products, as follows:

11 "26-2-112.

12 (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, the provisions of this part
13 requiring inspection of the slaughter of animals and the preparation of the carcasses, parts
14 thereof, meat, and meat food products at establishments conducting such operations shall
15 not apply to:

16 (1) The slaughtering by any person of animals of his or her own raising and the
17 preparation by him or her and transportation in commerce of the carcasses, parts thereof,
18 meat, and meat food products of such animals exclusively for use by him or her and
19 members of his or her household and his or her nonpaying guests and employees;

20 (2) The custom slaughter by any person, firm, or corporation of cattle, sheep, swine,
21 nontraditional livestock, rabbits, or goats delivered by the owner thereof for such
22 slaughter and the preparation by such slaughterer and transportation in commerce of the
23 carcasses, parts thereof, meat, and meat food products of such animals exclusively for use
24 in the household of such owner by the owner and members of his or her household and
25 his or her nonpaying guests and employees; nor to the custom preparation by any person,
26 firm, or corporation of carcasses, parts thereof, meat, or meat food products derived from

27 the slaughter by any person of cattle, sheep, swine, nontraditional livestock, rabbits, or
 28 goats of his or her own raising, or from game animals, delivered by the owner thereof for
 29 such custom preparation and transportation in commerce of such custom prepared
 30 articles, exclusively for use in the household of such owner by him or her and members
 31 of his or her household and his or her nonpaying guests and employees, provided that, in
 32 cases where such person, firm, or corporation engages in such custom operations at an
 33 establishment at which inspection under this article is maintained, the Commissioner may
 34 exempt from such inspection at such establishment any animals slaughtered or any meat
 35 or meat food products otherwise prepared on such custom basis. Custom operations at
 36 any establishment shall be exempt from inspection requirements as provided by this Code
 37 section only if the establishment complies with regulations which the Commissioner is
 38 authorized to promulgate to assure that any carcasses, parts thereof, meat, or meat food
 39 products, wherever handled on a custom basis, or any containers or packages containing
 40 such articles are separated at all times from carcasses, parts thereof, meat, or meat food
 41 products prepared for sale; that all such articles prepared on a custom basis or any
 42 containers or packages containing such articles are plainly marked 'Not for Sale'
 43 immediately after being prepared and kept so identified until delivered to the owner; and
 44 that the establishment conducting the custom operation is maintained and operated in a
 45 sanitary manner; ~~or~~

46 (3) The slaughtering and processing of rabbits by any person who raises rabbits for
 47 slaughter and processing for sale at wholesale and retail in numbers not to exceed 2,500
 48 rabbits per year; or

49 (4) The in-person, face-to-face sale of any meat food products to the ultimate consumer
 50 for consumption by such consumer and his or her family and nonpaying guests, so long
 51 as such products consist entirely of animals raised, slaughtered, and processed by the
 52 seller.

53 (b) The provisions of this article requiring inspection of the slaughter of animals and the
 54 preparation of carcasses, parts thereof, meat, and meat food products shall not apply to
 55 operations of types traditionally and usually conducted at retail stores and restaurants, when
 56 conducted at any retail store or restaurant or similar retail-type establishment for sale in
 57 normal retail quantities or service of such articles to consumers at such establishments.

58 (c) The slaughter of animals and preparation of articles referred to in paragraph (2) of
 59 subsection (a) and in subsection (b) of this Code section shall be conducted in accordance
 60 with such sanitary conditions as the Commissioner may by regulations prescribe.
 61 Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this Code section, the Commissioner or his or her
 62 delegate is authorized to enter upon the premises of any establishment which is exempt
 63 from regular inspections under the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section and

64 inspect such establishment and any facilities, carcasses, parts thereof, meat, meat food
65 products, containers, and packaging to determine whether such establishment qualifies for
66 exemption from regular inspections and is otherwise in compliance with the laws of this
67 state and the rules and regulations of the Commissioner adopted pursuant thereto.

68 (d) The adulteration and misbranding provisions of this part, other than the requirement
69 of the inspection legend, shall apply to articles which are not required to be inspected under
70 this Code section."

71 **SECTION 2.**

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