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CHAPTER 52

AGRICULTURE III — LIVESTOCK

INEDIBLE MEAT RENDERING AND
PROCESSING ACT

House Bill No. 1322. By Representatives Hinman, Baer, Bishop, Cooper, Evetts, Fuhr, R. Jackson, Lucero, McNeil, Mullen, Pepper, Quinlan, Schafer, Sonnenberg, Scooter, Strang, Wells, and Younglund; also Senators DeBerard and Anderson.

A N A C T

AMENDING THE "COLORADO INEDIBLE MEAT RENDERING
AND PROCESSING ACT OF 1967".

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

Section 1. 8-21-4 (1), (2), and (3), Colorado Revised Statutes 1963 (1967 Supp.), are amended to read:

8-21-4. License and vehicle registration fees. (1) The license fees for disposal plants shall be ~~five~~ ONE HUNDRED dollars per year, plus an inspection fee of ~~ten~~ FIFTEEN dollars for each vehicle.

(2) The license fees for transportation services shall be ~~five~~ TEN dollars per year, plus an inspection fee of ~~ten~~ FIFTEEN dollars for each vehicle.

(3) Vehicle inspection fees shall be ~~ten~~ FIFTEEN dollars per year, or any part thereof, for each vehicle acquired after the license is issued.

Section 2. 8-21-8, Colorado Revised Statutes 1963 (1967 Supp.), is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

8-21-8. Inspection of disposal plants, conveyances, and vehicles. (3) Each establishment shall maintain complete records of all animals or carcasses received on the premises as to source, species, date received, weight of each, and disposition as to being processed or rendered. Processed product shipped shall be identified as to weight, number of boxes, consignee, date shipped, and license or car number of the carrier. The commissioner or his agent shall have access to all receiving, shipping, and inventory records upon request at any reasonable time.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

Section 3. 8-21-9, Colorado Revised Statutes 1963 (1967 Supp.), is amended to read:

8-21-9. Labeling. (1) All inedible meat, except hides, tallow, meat meal, or bone meal, or both, being shipped from a disposal plant, shall be packed in containers approved by the commissioner, and the container shall be clearly marked or stamped with the legend "unfit for human consumption". Lettering used in the legend shall be at least as large as any other lettering on the container, and in no event shall the letters be smaller than one-half inch in height or less than one-half inch in width. Canned or otherwise prepared and packaged products shipped from a disposal plant shall be labeled as directed by rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner.

(2) ALL CARCASSES OR PORTIONS THEREOF SUBJECT TO THIS ARTICLE SHALL HAVE THE MAJOR PORTION OF ALL EXPOSED SURFACES STAMPED WITH THE STATEMENT "INEDIBLE" IN LETTERS AT LEAST THREE-QUARTERS OF AN INCH HIGH AND THREE-EIGHTHS OF AN INCH WIDE, USING A NON-SOLUBLE, QUICK-DRY GREEN INK IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SKINNING AND EVISCERATION. IN LIEU OF STAMPING, THE DEPARTMENT MAY AUTHORIZE THE SPRAYING OF THE ENTIRE CARCASS WITH AN APPROVED DYE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SKINNING AND EVISCERATION.

(3) CARCASSES OR PARTS THEREOF WHICH ARE NOT OF ACCEPTABLE QUALITY FOR PROCESSING SHALL BE DENATURED WITH CRESYLIC ACID OR OTHER DENATURING PRODUCTS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND PLACED IN A SPECIFIC AREA SET ASIDE FOR STORAGE OF MATERIAL DESTINED FOR RENDERING.

(4) BONED MEAT SHALL BE IN SMALL PIECES AND, WHERE LARGER THAN FOUR INCHES IN DIAMETER, SHALL BE FREELY SLASHED AT NOT MORE THAN TWO-INCH INTERVALS AND AN APPROVED DENATURING AGENT FREELY APPLIED TO ALL EXPOSED SURFACES.

(5) ALL GROUND MEAT IN INDIVIDUAL PACKAGES SHALL BE ADEQUATELY DECHARACTERIZED AND IN ADDITION SHALL BE IDENTIFIED WITH THE PROCESSOR'S NAME AND ESTABLISHMENT NUMBER, ALONG WITH THE WORDS "UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION". SUCH DECLARATIONS SHALL BE DONE BY STAMPING, BRANDING, LABEL INSERTS, OR EMBOSSED LABELING IN GREEN OR BLACK COLOR, IF SUCH DECLARATIONS SHALL HAVE RECEIVED PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. SUCH PRODUCTS SHALL NOT BE STORED WITH EDIBLE FOODSTUFFS.

Section 4. **Effective date.** This act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Section 5. **Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: April 24, 1971