

SENATE BILL 56

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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request
– Departmental – Agriculture)**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Secretary of Agriculture – Regulation of Poultry to Protect Animal Health and**
3 **Control Avian Influenza**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to provide an exemption from
5 a certain annual licensing requirement to a certain live poultry market operator,
6 production facility operator, or poultry dealer; altering the authority of the Secretary
7 to adopt a certain animal health program; altering certain definitions; making
8 stylistic changes; and generally relating to the regulation of poultry to protect animal
9 health and to control avian influenza.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 Article – Agriculture

12 Section 3–801 through 3–803 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 8.
13 Regulation of Poultry to Protect Animal Health and Control Avian Influenza”

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Agriculture**

19 Subtitle 8. Regulation of Poultry to **PROTECT ANIMAL HEALTH AND** Control Avian
20 Influenza.

21 3–801.

22 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) “Live poultry market” means any facility **OR LOCATION** where [live poultry
2 is gathered to be slaughtered and sold on site] **POULTRY:**

3 (1) **IS OFFERED FOR SALE, SOLD, DISTRIBUTED, OR TRANSFERRED;**
4 **OR**

5 (2) **IS SLAUGHTERED AND SOLD ON-SITE.**

6 (c) “Poultry” means any living domesticated bird **OR ITS HATCHING EGGS.**

7 (d) “Poultry dealer” means a person who [is in the business of trading, selling,
8 transporting, or moving poultry between a production facility and a live poultry market]
9 **ENGAGES IN THE BUSINESS OF BUYING, SELLING, EXCHANGING, OR TRANSPORTING**
10 **POULTRY.**

11 (e) “Production facility” means the facility or farm that is the origin of poultry
12 offered for sale at a live poultry market.

13 3–802.

14 (a) [Each] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARY, EACH** live poultry
15 market operator, production facility operator, and poultry dealer shall obtain an annual
16 license from the Secretary.

17 (b) Each license shall be effective until the following June 30, unless suspended
18 or revoked.

19 3–803.

20 (A) In addition to [any of the powers provided in this article] **THE POWER** to
21 protect the health of domestic animals **SET FORTH ELSEWHERE IN THIS ARTICLE**, the
22 Secretary [has the authority to] **MAY** adopt an animal health protection program that is
23 applicable to any live poultry market, production facility, and poultry dealer [and].

24 (B) **AN ANIMAL HEALTH PROTECTION PROGRAM ADOPTED BY THE**
25 **SECRETARY UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION MAY INCLUDE A PROGRAM**
26 that meets the regulatory requirements of the United States Department of Agriculture’s
27 Uniform Standards for the Prevention and Control of H5 and H7 Low Pathogenicity Avian
28 Influenza in the live bird marketing system.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 October 1, 2019.