
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEAT DONATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 159, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:
4 "§159- Further exemptions; food donations; wild game.
5 (a) This chapter shall not apply to the slaughtering of wild
6 game or the transportation or custom preparation of the
7 carcasses, parts thereof, and meat or meat products of wild game
8 at establishments conducting these operations if the articles
9 are wild game exclusively to be donated by a hunter for the use
10 or distribution by a charitable, religious, or nonprofit
11 organization to needy persons pursuant to chapter 145D; provided
12 that the wild game shall not be combined with a meat food
13 product regulated under the Federal Meat Inspection Act,
14 title 21 United States Code section 601 et seq., or a poultry
15 product regulated under the federal Poultry Products Inspection
16 Act, title 21 United States Code section 451 et seq.; provided
17 further that the transportation of wild game shall be limited to



1 moving the wild game to and from the premises where the hunter
2 killed the wild game, the processing establishment, and the
3 charitable, religious, or nonprofit organization.

4 (b) For the purposes of this section, "wild game" means a
5 member of a species of game not indigenous to the State,
6 including axis deer, that is used for food, not domesticated,
7 and is harvested in the wild. "Wild game" includes the
8 carcasses, parts thereof, and meat or meat products derived from
9 wild game."

10 SECTION 2. Section 145D-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 **"§145D-5 Reserving the State's authority to regulate,**
13 **inspect, or ban the use of donated food.** Nothing in this
14 chapter or section 159- is intended to restrict the authority
15 of the department of health or the department of agriculture and
16 biosecurity to regulate, inspect, or ban the use of [~~such~~]
17 donated foods for human consumption."

18 SECTION 3. Section 159-29, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

20 "(c) The transportation by commercial carrier of
21 carcasses, parts thereof, or meat or meat products produced



1 without inspection under subsection (a) [~~is~~] shall be
2 prohibited, except under permit issued by the board[~~er~~] and under
3 section 159- ."

4 SECTION 4. Section 159-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

6 "(a) [~~The~~] Except as provided in 159- , the preparation,
7 sale, offering for sale, or transportation or receipt for
8 transportation in intrastate commerce of meat and meat products
9 derived from exotic animals, unless inspected and passed as
10 provided for under this part, [~~is~~] shall be prohibited.
11 Violators shall be subject to all requirements and penalties of
12 this chapter."

13 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on December 31,
16 2050.



Report Title:

Department of Agriculture; Department of Health; Food Donation;
Charitable, Religious, or Nonprofit Organizations; Wild Game;
Axis Deer

Description:

Exempts the donation of wild game meat or meat products,
including axis deer, to a charitable, religious, or nonprofit
organization for the purpose of feeding needy individuals from
certain laws regarding the inspection and transportation of
meat. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD2)

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