

ACT 178

H.B. NO. 1975-80

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Hawaii Meat Inspection Act.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 159-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**“Sec. 159-21 Ante-mortem inspection.** (a) For the purpose of preventing the use in intrastate commerce of meat or meat products which are adulterated, the board shall cause to be made, by a veterinarian or inspector appointed for that purpose, an examination and inspection of all animals before they shall be allowed to enter into

any slaughtering, packing, meat-canning, rendering, or similar establishment in the State in which slaughtering and preparation of meat or meat products of the animals are conducted solely for intrastate commerce; and all animals found on the inspection to show symptoms of disease shall be set apart from all other animals and slaughtered or otherwise disposed of as provided in the rules and regulations, and when slaughtered, the carcasses of the animals shall be subject to a careful examination and inspection, all as prescribed by the board.

(b) For the purpose of preventing the inhumane slaughtering of animals, the board shall cause to be made, by inspectors appointed for that purpose, an examination and inspection of the method by which the animals are slaughtered and handled in connection with slaughter in the slaughtering establishments inspected under this chapter. The board may refuse to provide inspection to a new slaughtering establishment or may cause inspection to be temporarily suspended at a slaughtering establishment, if the board finds that any animal has been slaughtered or handled in connection with slaughter at such establishment by any method not in accordance with subsection (c), until the establishment furnishes assurances satisfactory to the board that all slaughtering and handling in connection with slaughter of animals is in accordance with a method specified in subsection (c).

(c) Either of the following two methods of slaughtering of animals and handling in connection with slaughter are found to be humane:

- (1) By rendering the animal insensible to pain by a single blow or gunshot or an electrical, chemical, or other means that is rapid and effective, before being shackled, hoisted, thrown, cast, or cut; or
- (2) By slaughtering or handling in connection with slaughtering in accordance with the ritual requirements of the Jewish faith or any other religious faith that prescribes a method of slaughter whereby the animal suffers loss of consciousness by anemia of the brain caused by the simultaneous and instantaneous severance of the carotid arteries with a sharp instrument.

[(d)]† For the purposes of this section “animals” means cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules, or other equines.”

SECTION 2. Section 159-25, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**“Sec. 159-25 Slaughter, transportation, and selling.** No person shall, with respect to cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules, or other equines, or carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat or meat products of animals:

- (1) Slaughter any animal or prepare any meat or meat products which are capable of use as human food, at any establishment preparing such meat or meat products solely for intrastate commerce, except in compliance with the requirements of this chapter.
- (2) Slaughter or handle in connection with slaughter any such animal in any manner not in accordance with section 159-21(c).
- (3) Sell, transport, offer for sale or transportation, or receive for transportation, in intrastate commerce:
  - (A) Any meat or meat products which

†Bracketed “d” substituted for “c” to correct manifest clerical error.

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- (i) Are capable of use as human food, and
  - (ii) Are adulterated or misbranded at the time of the sale, transportation, offer for sale or transportation, or receipt for transportation.
- (B) Any meat or meat products required to be inspected under this chapter unless they have been so inspected and passed.
- (4) Do, with respect to any such meat or meat products which are capable of use as human food, any act while they are being transported in intrastate commerce or held for sale after transportation, which is intended to cause or has the effect of causing meat or meat products to be adulterated or misbranded.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.\*

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 29, 1980.)

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\*The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.