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Enrolled Act No. 65, Senate

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AN ACT providing for the regulation, control, inspection, labeling and disposition of animals, carcasses, meat, meat food products and meat by-products which are to be sold or offered for sale through commercial outlets for human consumption in the state; providing for, the licensing and sanitary inspection of commercial slaughterers, custom slaughterers, big game processing plants and processors located in the state; authorizing cooperation with federal agencies; providing for enforcement, exceptions and penalties; and repealing Subsection 17 of Section 35-25, Wyoming Statutes 1957, and Sections 35-317 through and including 35-333, Wyoming Statutes 1957, relating to the regulation of meat and meat products; and setting an effective date.

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

Section 1. This act shall be known as the "Wyoming Wholesome Meat Act of 1969"-
Section 2. As used in this act, the following terms shall have the following meanings,
except where the context clearly indicates another meaning is intended:
(a) "Department" means the state department of agriculture.
(b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of agriculture of the State of Wyoming and/or-
his duly authorized representatives.
(c) "Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or other
entity.
(d) "Contract veterinarian" means a graduate of a school of veterinary medicine-
accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association who provides services for the
department under contract, and who is licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of-
Wyoming.

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as amended and extended and the imported meat provisions of subsections 306 (b) and (c) of-
the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.
(p) "Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act" means the act of Congress approved
August 28, 1957, as amended
(q) "Inspection legend" means a mark or a statement on a carcass, meat, meat food-
product or meat by-product indicating the same has been inspected and passed in this state-
under the provisions of this act-
(r) "Meat label" means a display of written, printed or graphic matter on a container-
indicating the carcass, meat, meat food product or meat by-products contained therein have been-
inspected and passed in this state under the provisions of this act.
(s) "Official inspection mark" means any symbol prescribed by the commissioner for-
the purpose of identifying the inspection status of any article so inspected.
(t) "Establishment number" means an official number assigned by the commissioner to-
each establishment and included on the inspection legend and meat label to identify all inspected-
and passed carcasses, meat, meat food products and meat by-products handled in that establishment.
(u) "Shipping container or outside container" means the box, bag, barrel, crate, or-
other receptacle or covering enclosing any product packed in one or more immediate or true
containers.
(v) "Animals" means any cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry and rabbits
(w) "Game animals" means any big game animal, elk, deer, mountain sheep, wild goat,
antelope, moose or bear.
(x) "Carcass" means all or any part of a slaughtered animal, including viscera, which—
is capable of being used for human consumption.
(y) "Meat" means the edible part of the muscle of animals, which is skeletal or-
which is found in the tongue, in the diaphragm, in the heart or in the esophagus, with or-
without the accompanying or overlying fat, and the portions of bone, skin, sinew nerve and blood-
vessels which normally accompany the muscle tissue and which are not separated from it in the-
process of dressing; it does not include the muscle found in the lips, snout or ears.
(z) "Meat food product" means any article of food for human consumption or any article-
which enters into the composition of food for human consumption, which is derived or prepared in-
whole or in part from any portion of any animal, except organo-therapeutic substances, meat

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juices, meat extract and the like which are only for medicinal purposes and are ad	vertised only
to the medical profession; any edible part of the carcass which has been manufactu	red, cured,
smoked, processed or otherwise treated shall be considered a meat food product.	
(aa) "Meat by-product" means any edible part of an animal other than me	at or meat food-
products.	
(bb) "Commercial meat slaughterer" means a person engaged in this state	in the
business of slaughtering or dressing animals for human consumption which are to be	sold or offered
for sale through a commercial outlet, and shall include a person who in addition to	such
commercial meat slaughtering also engages in the business of a custom meat slaughter	erer.
(cc) "Custom meat slaughterer" means a person engaged in this state in	the business-
of slaughtering or dressing animals for human consumption, owned by another person	exclusively
for the use of such owner by him or members of his household and his non-paying gu	ests and
employees, which are not to be sold or offered for sale and shall include the boning	ng or cutting
up of carcasses of such animals and the grinding, chopping and mixing of the carcas	ses thereof.
(dd) "Slaughterhouse" shall include all buildings, structures, and facil	ities used
in the slaughtering or dressing of animals for human consumption.	
(ee) "Custom meat processor" means a person who engages in this state in	the business-
of curing, salting, processing or other preparation of carcasses, meat, meat food p	roducts or meat-
by-products, owned by another person, for human consumption exclusively for use in	the household-
of such owners by him or members of his household and his non-paying guests and emp	loyees
provided, that, the meat, meat food products or meat by-products for human consumpt	ion are not
for sale.	
(ff) "Commercial meat processor" means a person who engages in this stat	e in the
business of packing or packaging carcasses, meat, meat food products or meat by-pro	ducts for
sale for human consumption or a person engaged in the business of curing, salting,	processing or-
other preparation of carcasses, meat, meat food products or meat by-products for sa	le for human-
consumption	
(gg) "Processing plant" shall include but not be limited to all building	s, structures,—

chill rooms, aging rooms, processing rooms, sanitary facilities, other facilities, and utensils,-

(hh) "Establishment" means any building, plant, establishment, vehicle or structure,

used by or in connection with the operations of a processor.

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whether movable or stationary, where meat food animals or poultry or rabbits are killed or	
dressed, the meat or meat products of which are to be offered for sale for human consumption.	
(ii) "Meat retail dealer" means any person who operates one or more commercial outlets	3
and who purchases previously inspected meat or meat food products or meat by-products, or offers-	
for sale thereat any carcasses, meat, meat food products or meat by-products for human consumption)n
for resale in the traditional retail manner.	
(jj) "Meat broker" means any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of-	
buying or selling carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat or meat food products of cattle, sheep,-	
swine, goats, horses, mules or other equines on commission, or otherwise negotiating purchases—	
or sales of such articles other than for his own account or as an employee.	
(kk) "Custom slaughtered carcass or meat" means carcasses, meat, meat food products-	
or meat by-products which were slaughtered, dressed or otherwise processed by a custom slaughtere	r-
(11) "Wholesome" means sound, healthful, clean and otherwise fit for human consumption	م1
(mm) "Unwholesome" means any animal, carcass, meat, meat food product or meat by-produ	ıct
which:	
(i) Is unsound, injurious to health, contains any biological residue not permitte	:d-
under rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner, or is otherwise unfit for human-	
consumption.	
(ii) Consists in whole or in part of any filthy, putrid or decomposed substance.	
(iii) Was processed, prepared, packed or held under insanitary conditions so that-	
the same may have become contaminated or may have become injurious to health.	
(iv) Was produced in whole or in part from animals which died other than by-	
slaughter	
(nn) "Adulterated" means any animal, carcass, meat, meat food product or meat-	
by-product:	
(i) which bears or contains any poisonous or deleterious substance, whether added	
or natural, that may render it injurious to health or unfit for human consumption;	
(ii) concerning which a substance has been substituted, wholly or in part;	
(111) is damaged, or inferiority has been concealed in any manner;	
(iv) concerning which any casing has been used which contains any dye or artificial	l
coloring not authorized by rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner;	

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(v) from which a valuable constituent has been in whole or in part omitted or
abstracted;
(vi) to or with which any substance has been added, mixed or packed for the purpose.
of increasing its bulk or weight, or so as to reduce its quality or strength, or to make it
appear better or of greater value than it is, unless authorized by rules and regulations
promulgated by the commissioner;
(vii) if it has been intentionally subjected to radiation, unless the use of the
radiation was in conformity with a regulation or exemption in effect pursuant to Section 409
of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act;
(viii) any substance, including metabolities, remaining in the animal at time of
slaughter or in any of its tissues after slaughter, as the result of treatment or exposure of
the animal to a pesticide, metallic or other inorganic compound, hormone, hormone-like substance,
growth promoter, antibiotic, anthelmintic, tranquilizer, or other therapeutic or prophylactic
agent.
(oo) "Licensee" means any person licensed under the provisions of this act.
Section 3. (a) The state board of agriculture is hereby authorized and empowered to
promulgate rules and regulations that will assist in carrying out the provisions of this act. The-
commissioner shall administer and enforce the provisions of this act and shall employ or contract
with such persons as may be appropriate. Such rules and regulations shall be in harmony with the
rules and regulations issued under the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Federal Poultry Products
Inspection Act.
(b) The commissioner is hereby authorized and empowered to cooperate with the federal
government and any agencies, departments and instrumentalities thereof, the State of Wyoming and
any agencies, departments or political subdivisions thereof, and any other state or commonwealth —
and any agencies, departments or political subdivisions thereof, in order to carry out the
effective administration of this act
Section 4. (a) No commercial or custom meat slaughterer, or commercial or custom —
meat processor shall operate an establishment unless he shall first have obtained a license from —
the commissioner. Application for such license shall be made on forms prescribed by the
commissioner and shall be accompanied by the fee required in this section. When such a person——
operates as a slaughterer and also operates as a processor, whether such operations are located —
on the same or different premises in this state, each such operation shall be licensed. When

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- (b) Before issuing any license required by the provisions of this section, the

 commissioner shall inspect the applicant's establishment and if the commissioner is satisfied that—

 the establishment is clean and sanitary, is properly equipped, and is in conformity with the—

 provisions of this act, and he is further satisfied that the carcasses, meat, meat food—

 products or meat by-products to be sold or offered for sale therefrom through commercial—

 outlets will be wholesome and unadulterated, he shall issue the license. Each license shall—

 specify the location of the establishment at which the licensee shall carry on his operations.—

 The license shall also contain the establishment number assigned by the commissioner.—
- (c) When a licensee changes the location of his establishment, he shall not operate—
 at such new location unless and until his establishment at such new location has been inspected—
 by the commissioner and a new license has been issued in accordance with the provisions of—
 subsection (a) of this section.—
- (d) All licenses expire May 31st of each year and the license fee shall be deposited—with the state treasurer and credited to the department of agriculture fund and the fees are—as follows:—
 - (i) Commercial Meat Slaughterer Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)
 - (ii) Custom Meat Slaughterer Ten Dollars (\$10.00)-
 - (iii) Custom Meat Processor Ten Dollars (\$10.00)-
 - (iv) Commercial Meat Processor Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)
 - (v) Meat Retail Dealer Ten Dollars (\$10.00)-
- (e) The commissioner may refuse to grant a license or may suspend or revoke a license—issued under the provisions of this section whenever he finds that the applicant's or licensee's—establishment, as the case may be, is not clean or sanitary, or is not properly equipped, or—is not in conformity with the provisions of this article or if he finds that the carcasses,—meat, meat food products or meat by-products to be sold or offered for sale therefrom through—commercial outlets are or will be unwholesome or adulterated.—
- (f) Upon the refusal to grant a license, the commissioner shall furnish a writtenstatement to the applicant specifying the grounds for such refusal. No such revocation or-

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suspension of a license shall be effective until the licensee has received written notice thereof, which notice shall specify the grounds for such revocation or suspension. Whenever there is sufficient cause for the revocation or suspension of a license as hereinabove specified, the commissioner may in lieu of such revocation or suspension, suspend inspection at the establishment.—

Immediately upon suspension of such inspections, the commissioner shall give the licensee written notice thereof, and such notice shall contain a recitation of the deficiencies which must be fully and completely corrected before inspections shall be resumed. Upon receipt of a written statement advising that a license has been refused, or upon receipt of a written notice of the revocation or suspension of a license, or upon the suspension of inspections at the licensee's establishment, the applicant or licensee, as the case may be, may, in writing, demand a hearing. The commissioner shall hold such a hearing within ten (10) days after receipt of such written demand, in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of this act.—

- (b) All animals slaughtered for sale shall have ante-mortem inspection and post-mortem-inspection.
- (c) All inspections under the provisions of this act shall be performed in accordance—with rules and regulations promulgated by the state board of agriculture.
- - (e) When one inspector is assigned to make inspections at two or more establishments-

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where few animals are slaughtered, or where small quantities of carcasses, meat, meat food—
products or meat by-products are handled, or where the operations at such establishments are—
sporadic, and such establishments in any of such cases are in reasonably close proximity to one—
another, the commissioner, giving full consideration to the convenience of the licensees of—
such establishments, may by written notice to such licensees specify a reasonable schedule for—
such operations; provided, that the commissioner may not require operations other than during—
normal working hours.—

- (g) The commissioner shall require such quarantine and segregation of animals, carcasses, meat, meat food products and meat by-products in establishments as is deemed—necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act.
- (i) The meat label used by any licensee shall be of the form and size prescribed by rules and regulations promulgated by the state board of agriculture. Such devices and meat—labels shall be under the control and supervision of the commissioner.

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Meat that has been boned out, cut from primal parts or otherwise changed so that the inspection-
legend is no longer plainly visible, and meat food products and meat by-products that are too-
small to be marked with the inspection legend shall be packed in closed containers to which shall
be affixed the meat label indicating that the meat, meat food products or meat by-products—
contained therin have been inspected and passed. Upon removal of the contents of the containers-
bearing such label, the label shall be defaced to prevent its reuse.

- (1) All carcasses, meat, meat food products and meat by-products which have been derived from an animal slaughtered by a custom meat slaughterer shall be marked "Wyoming Custom-Slaughtered" in letters not less than three-eights of an inch in height.
- (m) Each official inspection mark shall contain the establishment number of the—establishment involved, unless otherwise authorized by rules and regulations promulgated by the—state board of agriculture.—
- (n) The commissioner is hereby authorized and empowered to seize and destroy any of the following:
- (i) Any animal to be slaughtered in this state and thereafter sold or offered for—sale, through a commercial outlet, which cannot be made fit for human consumption.
- (ii) Any animal, carcass, meat, meat food product or meat by-product slaughtered—
 or processed in this state in violation of the provisions of this act.
- (iii) Any carcass, m eat, meat food product or meat by-product that does not bear—an inspection legend or meat label provided for by this act or which has not been inspected and—passed under federal inspection or approved by the United States department of agriculture and—which is intended to be sold or offered for sale through a commercial outlet.—
- unwholesome or adulterated. Where appropriate, the commissioner may in lieu of destruction as—
 aforesaid, denature, decharacterize, mutilate or slash any carcass, meat, meat food product or—
 meat by-product intended to be sold or offered for sale through a commercial outlet. The—
 commissioner is also authorized and empowered to seize and retain under a retained tag any animal,—
 carcass, meat, meat food product or meat by-product until it is determined to destroy, denature,—
 decharacterize, mutilate, slash or release the same. Whenever the commissioner is authorized—
 or empowered to take any of the actions specified in this subsection, he may order and direct—
 the person having custody or possession of such animal, carcass, meat, meat food product or meat—

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by-product, or the licensee of the establishment in which it is found, to be responsible for the-
disposition thereof, as well as any necessary storage, handling or other incidentals related
thereto. Such disposition shall be carried out only under the direction and supervision of the
commissioner.

- (o) Whenever practicable, the commissioner shall forego the actions authorized in theimmediate preceding subsection and permit reprocessing if such reprocessing will correct oreliminate the conditions which would have justified any of such actions. Any such reprocessing—
 in this state shall be under the supervision of the commissioner.
- (q) No licensee shall employ in any establishment any person who has any communicable—disease or infected wound or who is a carrier of any communicable disease. To enforce the—provisions of this subsection, the commissioner may require any employee or prospective employee—to submit to a health examination by a physician and furnish to the commissioner a certificate—from such physician concerning his findings. The cost of conducting such examination and—furnishing such certificate shall be borne by the licensee concerned.
- (s) When any animal, carcass, meat, meat food product or meat by-product has been——
 inspected hereunder, the appropriate official inspection mark shall be affixed thereto, and noperson shall remove the same unless authorized to do so by the commissioner.
- Section 6. (a) The provisions of this act shall not apply to any slaughterhouse or processing plant operating under the Federal Meat Inspection Act or the Federal Poultry Products

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Inspection Act.

(b) For the purpose of this subsection, a farmer is a person who owns or operates a-
farm or farms in this state and does not engage, directly or indirectly, in the business of
buying or selling any animals, other than a part of his normal farming operations, and does not-
engage in any business that involves the slaughtering of any animals other than those owned by
him, or the buying or selling of any carcasses, meat, meat food products or meat by-products of-
any animal other than those owned by him. Without being licensed under the provisions of this-
act, a farmer may slaughter or cause to be slaughtered his own animals for his own consumption—
on his own premises, on the premises of another person or in the establishment of a licensed-
custom slaughterer

Section 7. (a) No big game custom meat processor shall operate an establishment—unless he shall first obtain a license from the commissioner.

- (c) All licenses expire May 31st of each year and the license fees shall be deposited—with the state treasurer and credited to the department of agriculture fund as follows: Custom—Meat Processor Ten Dollars (\$10.00).
- (e) Except as herein provided, game animals shall be exempt from the provisions of-
- Section 8. (a) When any person requests a hearing as provided for in this act, the commissioner shall convene such hearing as provided by law in the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act.
- (b) Any party adversely affected by a final order made and entered by the commissioner—
 after such hearing, held in accordance with the provisions of this section, is entitled to—
 judicial review thereof by appeal to the district court having jurisdiction—

Section 9. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall be—guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall for the first offense be fined not—

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less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and upon conviction—
of each subsequent offense shall be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more—
than Five Hundred Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)

Section 10. That Subsection 17 of Section 35-25, Wyoming Statutes 1957, and Sections—35-317 through and including 35-333, Wyoming Statutes 1957, are hereby repealed.

Section 11. This act shall be in effect on and after April 1, 1969.

Speaker of the House

Earl Christer
President of the Senate

APPROVED 9:30 P.M.

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I certify this act to be correctly enrolled.