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Introduced by Representatives Partridge of Windham, Conquest of Newbury, Lawrence of Lyndon, Malcolm of Pawlet, McAllister of Highgate, McNeil of Rutland Town, Stevens of Shoreham and Taylor of Barre City

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Agriculture; preparation of livestock; poultry products

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to amend the definition of poultry product so that the slaughter of quail, pheasant, and partridge would not be subject to state slaughter inspection to coincide with federal slaughter regulations for non amenable species.

An act relating to the definition of poultry products

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 6 V.S.A. § 3302(34) is amended to read:

(34) “Poultry product” means any poultry carcass or part of a carcass; or any product which is made wholly or in part from any poultry carcass or part of a carcass, including quail, pheasant, and partridge, excepting products which are otherwise exempted by the secretary from definition as a poultry product under conditions which he or she may prescribe to assure that the poultry
ingredients in products are not adulterated, and that these products are not represented as poultry products.

Sec. 2. 6 V.S.A. § 3305(15) is amended to read:

(15) establish by rule the method for providing voluntary inspection, and withdrawal of inspection, of exotic animals, wild game, game birds, red deer, and cervidae. These rules may also provide for the inspection of meat and meat food products derived from those animals. The secretary shall provide voluntary inspection of bison and cervidae produced in Vermont, including the inspection of meat and meat food products processed in Vermont derived from bison and cervidae, wherever produced. For such inspection the secretary shall charge a fee equal to the rate for reimbursable inspection services provided under the Vermont meat and poultry inspection program;

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.