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In Senate, February 7, 2013

An Act To Facilitate the Processing of Livestock That Is Not for Resale

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senator: SHERMAN of Aroostook, Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra,
THERIAULT of Madawaska, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2511, sub-§10**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 771, §1, is repealed.

3 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2511, sub-§11**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 771, §1, is amended
4 to read:

5 **11. Custom slaughterhouse.** "Custom slaughterhouse" means a person who
6 maintains a slaughtering ~~licensed~~ establishment ~~under this chapter~~ for the purposes of
7 slaughtering livestock or poultry for ~~another person's~~ the exclusive use by that of another
8 person and members of that person's household and that person's nonpaying guests and
9 employees, and who is not engaged in the business of buying or selling carcasses, parts of
10 carcasses, meat or meat food products or any cattle, domesticated deer, sheep, swine,
11 goats, domestic rabbits, equines, poultry or other designated animals useable as human
12 food.

13 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2514, sub-§1, ¶¶B and D**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 777,
14 §1, are repealed.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill removes custom processors, which slaughter livestock or process meat
17 exclusively for consumption by the owner of the livestock and members of the owner's
18 household and the owner's nonpaying guests and employees, from the laws regulating
19 meat processing, and removes the licensing requirement for custom slaughterhouses,
20 which slaughter livestock for the exclusive use of another person and members of that
21 person's household, nonpaying guests and employees. It also removes custom
22 slaughterers and custom processors from a list of entities that are required to be licensed.