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HOUSE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 682, L.D. 922, “Resolve, To Streamline the Laws Governing Small Slaughterhouses”

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 15 to 26 in amendment) and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Examination of laws and rules governing slaughterhouses. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall examine the laws and rules governing slaughterhouses with particular emphasis on obstacles that prevent slaughterhouses from processing many different species of animals as efficiently and safely as possible. The department shall report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than January 15, 2012. The Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature on the subject matter of the department's report.'

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the requirement in Committee Amendment "A" that the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources examine the process it uses to answer questions posed to it by owners and operators of slaughterhouses and describe steps it will take to ensure that the answers it provides are in writing and timely, clear, consistent and complete.

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