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HOUSE BILL 238*
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Short Title: Lic. of Poultry & Ratite Dealers.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSING OF DEALERS IN POULTRY AND
3 RATITES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 106-540(3) reads as rewritten:

6 "(3) Regulate hatching egg dealers, chick dealers, poult dealers, poultry
7 dealers, ratite dealers, and jobbers."

8 Sec. 2. G.S. 106-541 reads as rewritten:

9 **"§ 106-541. Definitions.**

10 For the purpose of this Article, a hatchery shall be defined as any establishment that
11 operates hatchery equipment for the production of baby chicks or poults. A hatching egg
12 dealer, chick dealer or jobber shall mean any person, firm or corporation that buys
13 hatching eggs, baby chicks or turkey poults and sells or offers them for sale. The term
14 'mixed chicks' or 'assorted chicks' shall mean chicks produced from eggs from purebred
15 females of a distinct breed mated to a purebred male of a distinct breed. As used in this
16 Article, 'poultry' means live chickens, doves, ducks, geese, grouse, guinea fowl,
17 partridges, pea fowl, pheasants, pigeons, quail, swans or turkeys other than chicks or
18 poults. As used in this Article, 'ratite' has the same meaning as in G.S. 106-549.15(21a).
19 As used in this Article, 'poultry or ratite dealer' means a person who operates a place of

1 business where live poultry or live ratites are sold, or who rents space to persons who sell
2 live poultry or live ratites. This does not include persons who sell poultry or ratites
3 which they raised themselves."

4 Sec. 3. G.S. 106-542 is amended by adding the following new subsection:

5 "(b1) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to engage in business
6 as a poultry or ratite dealer without first obtaining a license from the Department of
7 Agriculture for a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) per year."

8 Sec. 4. G.S. 106-547 reads as rewritten:

9 "**§ 106-547. Records to be kept.**

10 Every hatchery, hatching egg dealer, chick dealer, poultry dealer, ratite dealer or
11 jobber shall keep such records of operation as the regulations of the Department of
12 Agriculture may require for the proper inspection of said hatchery, dealer or jobber."

13 Sec. 5. This act is effective upon ratification; provided, however, that no
14 license required by this act shall be required before January 1, 1996.