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SENATE BILL 483

Short Title: Inspection of Bison Meat/AB.

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Sponsors: Senators Speed, Albertson, Soles, Parnell, East, Martin of Pitt, Simpson, and Hartsell.

Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE INSPECTION OF BISON MEAT THAT IS TO BE
3 USED AS FOOD.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 106-549.15(13) reads as rewritten:

6 "(13) 'Meat broker' means any person, firm, corporation engaged in the
7 business of buying or selling carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat, or meat
8 food products of cattle, sheep, swine, goats, bison, horses, mules, or
9 other equines on commission, or otherwise negotiating purchases or
10 sales of such articles other than for his own account or as an employee
11 of another person, firm, or corporation."

12 Sec. 2. G.S. 106-549.15(14) reads as rewritten:

13 "(14) 'Meat food product' means any product capable of use as human food
14 ~~which that~~ is made wholly or in part from any meat or other portion of
15 the carcass of any cattle, sheep, swine, goats, bison, or fallow deer,
16 excepting products ~~which that~~ contain meat or other portions of such
17 carcasses only in a relatively small proportion or historically have not
18 been considered by consumers as products of the meat food industry,
19 and ~~which that~~ are exempted from definition as a meat food product by

1 the Board under such conditions as it may prescribe to assure that the
2 meat or other portions of such carcasses contained in such product are
3 not adulterated and that such products are not represented as meat food
4 products. This term as applied to food products of equines shall have a
5 meaning comparable to that provided in this subdivision with respect to
6 cattle, sheep, swine, ~~and goats.~~ goats, and bison."

7 Sec. 3. The Commissioner of Agriculture may establish a fee at an hourly rate
8 to be paid by an establishment preparing bison as a meat food product, as defined in G.S.
9 106-549.15, as amended by Section 2 of this act. The fee shall be credited to the
10 Department of Agriculture as a departmental receipt and shall be applied to the cost of
11 inspecting bison to be used for food.

12 Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.