



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5313

LCO No. 1431



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION OF POULTRY FLOCKS
AND THE SALE OF LIVE POULTRY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22-322 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3 The owner of any flock of poultry [of one hundred fowls or more
4 may apply to the Commissioner of Agriculture to have such flock
5 examined, and may place it under the supervision of said
6 commissioner, for the purpose of eradicating infectious and contagious
7 diseases therein, and, if he complies with the regulations promulgated
8 by said commissioner relating to the eradicating of any such disease,
9 the commissioner or any assistant or agent appointed by him may
10 make an examination and conduct blood or other tests of such flock,
11 without expense to the owner except the pro-rata cost of laboratory
12 tests as determined by the department of pathobiology at The
13 University of Connecticut, with the approval of the commissioner.
14 Such costs shall be collected by said department of pathobiology and
15 may be waived by the commissioner when birds are owned by fanciers
16 of poultry under the age of eighteen or over the age of sixty-five. Each

17 fowl which reacts upon such examination or test shall be condemned,
18 removed, destroyed or quarantined subject to the direction of the
19 commissioner, his assistant or agent, and the premises occupied by any
20 such fowl shall be immediately cleaned and disinfected by the owner
21 thereof, under the direction of the commissioner, his assistant or agent,
22 at such owner's expense. The commissioner shall then issue to such
23 owner a report or certificate of the condition of such flock in
24 accordance with the findings upon such examination and test or tests.
25 No person shall have any claim against the state for any fowl so
26 condemned, removed, destroyed or quarantined. The commissioner
27 shall publish annually, or more frequently if he deems advisable, a
28 report of all flocks tested or examined. The owner of any flock of
29 poultry of less than one hundred fowls may, subject to the foregoing
30 provisions, apply to the commissioner to have such flock examined,
31 tested and certified, provided the laboratory cost as determined in
32 accordance with this section shall be borne by such owner. When any
33 flock has been examined and accredited in accordance with the
34 provisions of this section, no further examination or test shall be made
35 of such flock by the commissioner or his assistant or agent, except at
36 the owner's expense.] may register such flock with the Commissioner
37 of Agriculture for the purpose of placing such flock in the National
38 Poultry Improvement Plan program or an avian disease control
39 program administered by the Department of Agriculture. The annual
40 fee to register a flock of less than one hundred fowls shall be twenty-
41 five dollars and for any flock of one hundred or more fowls, fifty
42 dollars. The owner of any registered flock shall be responsible for all
43 laboratory fees charged for any testing necessary to comply with the
44 National Poultry Improvement Plan program standards or to qualify
45 such flock for an avian disease status. Any flock that is tested solely to
46 qualify for entry into fairs, show or exhibitions and that is owned by a
47 fancier of poultry who is less than eighteen years of age shall be
48 exempt from such registration fees. Whenever a flock fails to comply
49 with the National Poultry Improvement Plan program standards or
50 fails to qualify for an avian disease status, the owner of such flock shall

51 not sell or offer for sale any poultry until such standards or status are
52 met, as determined by the commissioner or the commissioner's
53 designated agent. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in
54 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement this
55 section.

56 Sec. 2. Section 22-323 of the general statutes is repealed and the
57 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

58 [No person shall sell or offer for sale any poultry or baby chicks as
59 free from any such contagion or infection or eggs for hatching as from
60 fowls free from any such disease, unless such poultry or eggs have
61 been certified by said commissioner to be free from such disease or to
62 be from fowls free from such disease, as the case may be.] No person,
63 firm or corporation shall sell or offer for sale any live poultry or
64 hatching eggs as being free of any particular avian disease or as
65 participating in the National Poultry Improvement Plan program
66 unless such person. firm or corporation is currently participating in,
67 and in good standing with: (1) The National Poultry Improvement
68 Plan program, as administered by the state of origin for such poultry
69 or hatching eggs, or (2) an avian disease monitoring program
70 administered by an animal health authority of the state or country of
71 origin for such poultry or hatching eggs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	22-322
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	22-323

Statement of Purpose:

To encourage registration of poultry flocks to aid in the prevention of the spread of avian influenza.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]