



General Assembly

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Offered by:
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"AN ACT AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF DOGS, CATS AND RABBITS IN PET SHOPS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) The Commissioner of
4 Agriculture shall be the state official in charge of inspecting any
5 producer and any producer that also operates as a rabbit processing
6 facility. Any inspection conducted pursuant to this section by the
7 commissioner, or the commissioner's designated agent, shall be
8 consistent with the requirements of any applicable provision of the
9 Code of Federal Regulations, including, but not limited to, any health,
10 sanitary and safety-related provision. Rabbit processing facilities that
11 have passed Department of Agriculture facility inspections pursuant to
12 this section shall be designated as approved food sources for household
13 consumers, restaurants, hotels, boarding houses and retail food
14 establishments. For purposes of this section, "producer" means any
15 person who is engaged in farming, as defined in section 1-1 of the
16 general statutes, and who breeds, raises or keeps not more than one

17 thousand rabbits in a calendar year for the purpose of food production."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section