

SENATE BILL 2049

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 44 and Title 53, relative to the branding of products that are derived in whole or in part from birds or animals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-1-105, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as subsection (b):

(b)

(1) Any poultry, poultry product, meat, or meat food product offered for sale, sold, or distributed in this state and labeled or advertised as "Tennessee-raised" or by a similar designation is misbranded if the poultry or animal was not raised in this state.

(2) The commissioner may waive a determination that poultry, a poultry product, meat, or a meat food product is misbranded under subdivision (b)(1) upon application of the producer or processor, if the commissioner finds that a waiver is warranted due to economic factors, including, but not limited to, the proximity of processing facilities to the producer and the availability of processing facilities in this state.

(3) As used in this subsection (b):

(A) "Meat", "meat food products", "poultry", and "poultry products" have the same meanings as defined in § 53-7-202; and

(B) "Tennessee-raised" means:

(i) For poultry and poultry products, that the poultry was raised solely in this state from no later than the seventh day after hatching and processed solely in this state; and

(ii) For meat and meat food products, that the animal was born, raised, and processed solely in this state.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.