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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEAT DONATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 159, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:
4 "§159- Further exemptions; food donations; wild game.
5 (a) This chapter shall not apply to the slaughtering of wild
6 game or the preparation and transportation of the carcasses,
7 parts thereof, and meat or meat products at establishments
8 conducting these operations if the articles are wild game
9 exclusively to be donated by a hunter for the use or
10 distribution by a charitable, religious, or nonprofit
11 organization to needy persons pursuant to chapter 145; provided
12 that the wild game shall not be combined with a meat food
13 product regulated under the Federal Meat Inspection Act,
14 title 21 United States Code, section 601 et seq., or a poultry
15 product regulated under the federal Poultry Products Inspection
16 Act, title 21 United States Code section 451 et seq.; provided
17 further that the transportation of wild game is limited to



1 moving the wild game to and from the premises where the hunter
2 killed the wild game, the processing establishment, and the
3 charitable, religious, or nonprofit organization.

4 (b) For the purposes of this section, "wild game" means a
5 member of a species of game not indigenous to the State,
6 including axis deer. "Wild game" includes the carcasses, parts
7 thereof, and meat or meat products derived from wild game."

8 SECTION 2. Section 145D-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 **"[+]§145D-5[+] Reserving the State's authority to**
11 **regulate, inspect, or ban the use of donated food. [Nothing]**
12 Notwithstanding section 159- , nothing in this chapter is
13 intended to restrict the authority of the department of health
14 or the department of agriculture to regulate, inspect, or ban
15 the use of [~~such~~] donated foods for human consumption."

16 SECTION 3. Section 159-29, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

18 "(c) The transportation by commercial carrier of
19 carcasses, parts thereof, or meat or meat products produced
20 without inspection under subsection (a) is prohibited, except
21 under permit issued by the board[-] and under section 159- ."



1 SECTION 4. Section 159-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) [~~The~~] Notwithstanding section 159- , the
4 preparation, sale, offering for sale, or transportation or
5 receipt for transportation in intrastate commerce of meat and
6 meat products derived from exotic animals, unless inspected and
7 passed as provided for under this part, is prohibited.
8 Violators shall be subject to all requirements and penalties of
9 this chapter."

10 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 1230

Report Title:

Department of Agriculture; Department of Health; Food Donation;
Charitable, Religious, or Nonprofit Organizations; Wild Game;
Axis Deer

Description:

Exempts the donation of wild game meat, including axis deer, to a charitable, religious, or nonprofit organization to needy persons from certain laws regarding the inspection and transportation of meat.

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