_____ BILL NO. _____

INTRODUCED BY _____

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: “AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO SLAUGHTERHOUSES' MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION; CLARIFYING EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING THAT PERSONS ENGAGED IN CUSTOM SLAUGHTERING FOR AN OWNER FOR EXCLUSIVE USE BY THE OWNER ARE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN INSPECTION LAWS AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND AMENDING SECTION 81-9-218, MCA.”

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

Section 1. Section 81-9-218, MCA, is amended to read:

"**81-9-218. Exemptions.** (1) The following persons are exempt from 81-9-201, 81-9-216 through 81-9-220, and 81-9-226 through 81-9-236:

(a) a person who slaughters livestock or poultry or prepares or processes livestock or poultry products for the person's own personal or household use;

(b) a person who transports dead, dying, or diseased animals or poultry for the purpose of treatment, burial, or disposal in a manner that would prevent the carcasses from being used as human food; and

(c) a producer as defined in 50-49-202 who sells homemade food or slaughters fewer than 1,000 poultry birds a year pursuant to 50-49-203 except that the producer is subject to the requirements of 9 CFR 381.10(c) and the recordkeeping requirements of 9 CFR 381.175.

(2) A person engaged in the custom slaughtering of livestock or poultry delivered by the owner for custom slaughter or a person engaged in the preparation of the carcasses and parts and meat food products of the livestock or poultry when slaughtered or prepared for exclusive use in the owner's household by the owner or members of the owner's household or the owner's nonpaying guests or employees is exempt from ~~81-9-216, 81-9-217, 81-9-220, and 81-9-226 through 81-9-236~~ 81-9-227 through 81-9-231 if the carcasses, parts, or meat

food products or containers of the articles are:

(a) kept separate from carcasses, parts, or meat food products prepared for sale;

(b) plainly marked "Not for Sale" immediately after being slaughtered or prepared and remain plainly marked until delivered to the owner; and

(c) prepared and packaged in a sanitary manner and in a sanitary facility."

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