

CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

AB 2778 (Committee on Agriculture)

As Amended June 22, 2026

2/3 vote

SUMMARY

This bill extends the licensing and inspection programs under the California Meat and Poultry Supplemental Inspection Act, including the annual licenses renewal fees for custom livestock slaughterhouses and meat processing establishments indefinitely. This bill also expands the scope of the Nutrition Incentive Matching Grant Program, which is administered by the Office of Farm to Fork (OFTF) within the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). Finally, this bill extends the California Seed Law (CSL) subvention program until July 1, 2032.

Senate Amendments

Delete various sunset clauses (all set to expire January 1, 2027) contained within California Meat Poultry Inspection Act. They are as follows: application fee for a livestock meat inspector's license (\$100), a renewal of that license (\$100, with a \$25 fee if not renewed prior to expiration), its application fee for a license to operate a meat processing establishment (\$500) and its renewal of that license (ranging from \$500 for 1,000 head or 10,000 poultry to \$1,200 for over 5,000 head or 100,000 poultry processed the prior year).

COMMENTS

The last increase for license and renewal fees under the Meat and Poultry Inspection Act was 2012 (AB 107, Chapter 104, Statutes of 2011), with a sunset of 2017. The fees were extended without increase in 2016, and again in 2021 (AB 2716, Chapter 247, Statutes of 2016 and SB 815, Chapter 392, Statutes of 2021, respectively).

According to the Author

These amendments will allow the Department of Food and Agriculture to avoid having the fees sunset, which would effectively end licensing and inspection of these plants, and still provide future opportunities to adjust the fees, as necessary.

Arguments in Support

None.

Arguments in Opposition

None

FISCAL COMMENTS

According to the Senate Committee on Appropriations, pursuant to Joint Rule 28.8, this bill has negligible state costs.

VOTES:**ASM AGRICULTURE: 8-0-0****YES:** Soria, Hadwick, Aguiar-Curry, Alanis, Connolly, Jeff Gonzalez, Irwin, Ransom

ASM APPROPRIATIONS: 14-0-1

YES: Wicks, Hoover, Arambula, Calderon, Caloza, Dixon, Fong, Mark González, Krell, Pacheco, Pellerin, Solache, Ta, Tangipa

ABS, ABST OR NV: Muratsuchi

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 66-0-14

YES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Castillo, Connolly, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Elhawary, Ellis, Fong, Gabriel, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Harabedian, Jackson, Johnson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lee, Lowenthal, Macedo, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Ransom, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Sanchez, Schiavo, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Ta, Tangipa, Ward, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

ABS, ABST OR NV: Arambula, Bonta, Chen, Flora, Gallagher, Hart, Hoover, Irwin, Papan, Petrie-Norris, Celeste Rodriguez, Valencia, Wallis, Wicks

SENATE FLOOR: 39-0-1

YES: Allen, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Choi, Cortese, Dahle, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Grove, Hurtado, Jones, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNerney, Menjivar, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Padilla, Pérez, Reyes, Richardson, Rubio, Seyarto, Smallwood-Cuevas, Stern, Strickland, Umberg, Valladares, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener

ABS, ABST OR NV: Alvarado-Gil

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