1 AN ACT concerning animals.

# Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Meat and Poultry Inspection Act is amended by changing Section 5.2 as follows:
- 6 (225 ILCS 650/5.2)

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- 7 Sec. 5.2. Type II licenses.
- 8 (a) Type II establishments licensed under this Act for custom slaughtering and custom processing shall:
  - (1) Be permitted to receive, for processing, meat products and poultry products from animals and poultry slaughtered by the owner or for the owner for his or her own personal use or for use by his or her household.
  - (2) Be permitted to receive live animals and poultry presented by the owner to be slaughtered and processed for the owner's own personal use or for use by his or her household.
  - (3) Be permitted to receive, for processing, inspected meat products and inspected poultry products for the owner's own personal use or for use by his or her household.
- 22 (4) Stamp the words "NOT FOR SALE-NOT INSPECTED" in 23 letters at least 3/8 inches in height on all carcasses of

- animals and immediate poultry product containers for poultry slaughtered in such establishment and on all meat products and immediate poultry product containers for poultry products processed in that establishment.
  - (5) Conspicuously display a license issued by the Department and bearing the words "NO SALES PERMITTED".
  - (6) Keep a record of the name and address of the owner of each carcass or portion thereof received in such licensed establishment, the date received, and the dressed weight. Such records shall be maintained for at least one year and shall be available, during reasonable hours, for inspection by Department personnel.
  - (b) No custom slaughterer or custom processor shall engage in the business of buying or selling any poultry or meat products capable of use as human food, or slaughter of any animals or poultry intended for sale.
  - (c) Each Type II licensee shall develop, implement, and maintain written standard operating procedures for sanitation, which shall be known as Sanitation SOPs, in accordance with all of the following requirements:
    - (1) The Sanitation SOPs must describe all procedures
      that a Type II licensee shall conduct daily, before and
      during operations, sufficient to prevent direct
      contamination or adulteration of products.
    - (2) The Sanitation SOPs must be signed and dated by the individual with overall authority on-site or a higher level

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1	official of the establishment. This signature shall
2	signify that the establishment shall implement the
3	Sanitation SOPs as specified and maintain the Sanitation
4	SOPs in accordance with the requirements of this subsection
5	(c). The Sanitation SOPs must be signed and dated upon the
6	initial implementation of the Sanitation SOPs and upon any
7	modification to the Sanitation SOPs.
8	(3) Procedures set forth in the Sanitation SOPs that
9	are to be conducted prior to operations must be identified
10	as such and must address, at a minimum, the cleaning of
11	food contact surfaces of facilities, equipment, and
12	utensils.
13	(4) The Sanitation SOPs must specify the frequency with
14	which each procedure in the Sanitation SOPs shall be
15	conducted and identify the establishment employees
16	responsible for the implementation and maintenance of the
17	procedures.
18	(5) Prior to the start of operations, each licensee
19	must conduct the pre-operational procedures in the
20	Sanitation SOPs. All other procedures set forth in the
21	Sanitation SOPs must be conducted at the frequencies
22	specified.
23	(6) The implementation of the procedures set forth in
24	the Sanitation SOPs must be monitored daily by the

(7) A licensee must routinely evaluate the

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effectiveness of the Sanitation SOPs and the procedures set forth therein in preventing direct contamination or adulteration of products and shall revise both as necessary to keep the Sanitation SOPs and the procedures set forth therein effective and current with respect to changes in facilities, equipment, utensils, operations, or personnel.

(8) A licensee must take appropriate corrective action when either the establishment itself or the Department determines that the Sanitation SOPs or the procedures specified therein or the implementation or maintenance of the Sanitation SOPs may have failed to prevent direct contamination or adulteration of products. Corrective include procedures to ensure appropriate actions disposition of products that may be contaminated, restore sanitary conditions, and prevent the recurrence of direct contamination or adulteration of products, such as appropriate reevaluation and modification of the Sanitation SOPs and the procedures specified therein or appropriate improvements in the execution of the Sanitation SOPs or the procedures specified therein.

(9) A licensee must maintain daily records sufficient to document the implementation and monitoring of the Sanitation SOPs and any corrective actions taken. The establishment employees specified in the Sanitation SOPs as being responsible for the implementation and monitoring of the procedures set forth in the Sanitation SOPs must

authenticate these records with their initials and the
date. The records required to be maintained under this item
(9) may be maintained on computers, provided that the
establishment implements appropriate controls to ensure
the integrity of the electronic data. Records must be
maintained for at least 6 months and made available to the
Department upon request. All records must be maintained at
the licensed establishment for 48 hours following
completion, after which the records may be maintained
off-site, provided that the records may be made available
to the Department within 24 hours of request.
(10) The Department shall verify the adequacy and
effectiveness of the Sanitation SOPs and the procedures
specified therein by determining that they meet the
requirements of this subsection (c). This verification may
<pre>include the following:</pre>
(A) reviewing the Sanitation SOPs;
(B) reviewing the daily records documenting the
implementation of the Sanitation SOPs and the
procedures set forth therein and any corrective
actions taken or required to be taken;
(C) direct observation of the implementation of
the Sanitation SOPs and the procedures specified
therein and any corrective actions taken or required to
be taken; and

(D) direct observation or testing to assess the

1	sanitary conditions within the establishment.
2	(d) Each Type II licensee that slaughters livestock must
3	test for Escherichia coli Biotype 1 (E. coli). Licensees that
4	slaughter more than one type of livestock or both livestock and
5	poultry must test the type of livestock or poultry slaughtered
6	in the greatest number. The testing required under this
7	subsection (d) must meet all of the following requirements:
8	(1) A licensee must prepare written specimen
9	collection procedures that identify the employees
10	designated to collect samples and must address (i)
11	locations of sampling, (ii) the ways in which sampling
12	randomness is achieved, and (iii) the handling of samples
13	to ensure sample integrity. This written procedure must be
14	made available to the Department upon request.
15	(2) Livestock samples must be collected from all
16	chilled livestock carcasses, except those boned before
17	chilling (hot-boned), which must be sampled after the final
18	wash. Samples must be collected in the following manner:
19	(A) for cattle, establishments must sponge or
20	excise tissue from the flank, brisket, and rump, except
21	for hide-on calves, in which case establishments must
22	take samples by sponging from inside the flank, inside
23	the brisket, and inside the rump;
24	(B) for sheep and goats, establishments must
25	sponge from the flank, brisket, and rump, except for

hide-on carcasses, in which case establishments must

1	take samples by sponging from inside the flank, inside						
2	the brisket, and inside the rump;						
3	(C) for swine carcasses, establishments must						
4	sponge or excise tissue from the ham, belly, and jowl						
5	areas.						
6	(3) A licensee must collect at least one sample per						
7	week, starting the first full week of operation after June						
8	1 of each year, and continue sampling at a minimum of once						
9	each week in which the establishment operates until June 1						
10	of the following year or until 13 samples have been						
11	collected, whichever is sooner.						
12	(4) Upon a licensee's meeting the requirements of item						
13	(3) of this subsection (d), weekly sampling and testing						
14	shall be optional, unless changes are made in establishment						
15	facilities, equipment, personnel, or procedures that may						
16	affect the adequacy of existing process control measures,						
17	as determined by the licensee or the Department.						
18	Determinations made by the Department that changes have						
19	been made requiring the resumption of weekly testing must						
20	be provided to the licensee in writing.						
21	(5) Laboratories may use any quantitative method for						
22	the analysis of E. coli that is approved as an AOAC						
23	Official Method of the AOAC International (formerly the						
24	Association of Official Analytical Chemists) or approved						
25	and published by a scientific body and based on the results						

of a collaborative trial conducted in accordance with an

1	internationally recognized protocol on collaborative					
2	trials and compared against the 3 tube Most Probable Number					
3	(MPN) method and agreeing with the 95% upper and lower					
4	confidence limit of the appropriate MPN index.					
5	(6) A licensee must maintain accurate records of all					
6	test results, in terms of CFU/cm <sup>2</sup> of surface area sponged					
7	or excised. Results must be recorded onto a process control					
8	chart or table showing at least the most recent 13 test					
9	results, by type of livestock slaughtered. Records shall be					
10	retained at the establishment for a period of 12 months and					
11	made available to the Department upon request.					
12	(7) Licensees must meet the following criteria for the					
13	evaluation of test results:					
14	(A) A licensee excising samples from carcasses					
15	shall be deemed as operating within the criteria of					
16	this item (7) when the most recent E. coli test result					
17	does not exceed the upper limit (M), and the number of					
18	samples, if any, testing positive at levels above (m)					
19	is 3 or fewer out of the most recent 13 samples (n)					
20	<pre>taken, as follows:</pre>					
21	Evaluation of E. Coli Test Results					
22	Type of Lower limit Upper limit Number Max number					
23	Livestock of marginal of marginal samples permitted					

1		range	<u>range</u>	<u>collected</u>	in marginal	
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4		<u>(m)</u>	<u>(M)</u>	<u>(n)</u>	<u>(c)</u>	
5	<u>Cattle</u>	Negative a	$100 \text{ CFU/cm}^2$	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>	
6	Swine	10 CFU/cm <sup>2</sup>	10,000 CFU/cm	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>	
7	a Negati	ve is defined	by the sensiti	vity of the	method used in	
8	the baseline study with a limit of sensitivity of at least 5					
9	CFU/cm <sup>2</sup> carcass surface area.					
10		(B) A lic	ensee sponging	carcasses	shall evaluate	
11	<u>]</u>	E. coli test :	results using s	tatistical p	rocess control	
12	techniques.					
13	(8) Test results that do not meet the criteria set					
14	forth in item (7) of this subsection (d) are an indication					
15	that	the establi	shment may no	t be mainta	aining process	
16	controls sufficient to prevent fecal contamination. The					
17	Department shall take further action as appropriate to					
18	ensure that all applicable provisions of this Section are					
19	<pre>being met.</pre>					
20	(e) Each Type II licensee that slaughters poultry shall					
21	test for Escherichia coli Biotype 1 (E. coli). Licensees that					
22	slaughte	r more than	one type of	poultry or	poultry and	
23	livestoc	k, shall tes	st the type	of poultry	or livestock	
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25	this su	bsection (e)	) must meet	all of	the following	

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- (1) A licensee must prepare written specimen collection procedures that identify the employees designated to collect samples and must address (i) locations of sampling, (ii) the ways in which sampling randomness is achieved, and (iii) the handling of samples to ensure sample integrity. This written procedure must be made available to the Department upon request.
- (2) When collecting poultry samples, a whole bird must be taken from the end of the slaughter line. Samples must be collected by rinsing the whole carcass in an amount of buffer appropriate for that type of bird. Samples from turkeys or ratites also may be collected by sponging the carcass on the back and thigh.
- (3) Licensees that slaughter turkeys, ducks, geese, quineas, squabs, or ratites in the largest number must collect at least one sample during each week of operation after June 1 of each year, and continue sampling at a minimum of once each week that the establishment operates until June 1 of the following year or until 13 samples have been collected, whichever is sooner.
- (4) Upon a licensee's meeting the requirements of item (3) of this subsection (e), weekly sampling and testing shall be optional, unless changes are made in establishment facilities, equipment, personnel, or procedures that may affect the adequacy of existing process control measures,

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- as determined by the licensee or by the Department. Determinations by the Department that changes have been made requiring the resumption of weekly testing must be provided to the licensee in writing.
- (5) Laboratories may use any quantitative method for the analysis of E. coli that is approved as an AOAC Official Method of the AOAC International (formerly the Association of Official Analytical Chemists) or approved and published by a scientific body and based on the results of a collaborative trial conducted in accordance with an internationally recognized protocol on collaborative trials and compared against the 3 tube Most Probable Number (MPN) method and agreeing with the 95% upper and lower confidence limit of the appropriate MPN index.
- (6) A licensee must maintain accurate records of all test results, in terms of CFU/ml of rinse fluid. Results must be recorded onto a process control chart or table showing the most recent 13 test results, by type of poultry slaughtered. Records must be retained at the establishment for a period of 12 months and made available to the Department upon request.
- (7) A licensee excising samples under this subsection (e) shall be deemed as operating within the criteria of this item (7) when the most recent E. coli test result does not exceed the upper limit (M), and the number of samples, if any, testing positive at levels above (m) is 3 or fewer

# out of the most recent 13 samples (n) taken, as follows:

2.	Evaluation	of E.	Coli	Test	Results
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3	Type of	Lower limit	<u>Upper limit</u>	Number of	Number
4	poultry	of marginal	of marginal	<u>samples</u>	permitted
5		<u>range</u>	<u>range</u>	tested	in marginal
6					range
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8		<u>(m)</u>	(M)	<u>(n)</u>	<u>(C)</u>
9	Chickens	100 CFU/ml	1,000 CFU/ml	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>

- 10 (8) Test results that do not meet the criteria set

  11 forth in item (7) of this subsection (e) are an indication

  12 that the establishment may not be maintaining process

  13 controls sufficient to prevent fecal contamination. The

  14 Department shall take further action as appropriate to

  15 ensure that all applicable provisions of this Section are

  16 being met.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 94-1052, eff. 1-1-07.)
- Section 10. The Illinois Diseased Animals Act is amended by changing Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 13, 20, 21, 22, and 24 as follows:
- 21 (510 ILCS 50/1) (from Ch. 8, par. 168)

- Sec. 1. For the purposes of this Act: 1
- 2 "Department" means the Department of Agriculture of the
- 3 State of Illinois.
- "Director" means the Director of the Illinois Department of 4
- 5 Agriculture, or his duly appointed representative.
- 6 "Contagious or infectious disease" means a
- 7 disease designated by the Department as contagious
- 8 infectious under rules pertaining to this Act.
- 9 "Contaminated" or "contamination" means for an animal to
- 10 come into contact with a chemical or radiological substance at
- 11 a level which may be considered to be harmful to humans or
- 12 other animals if they come into contact with the contaminated
- 13 animal or consume parts of the contaminated animal.
- "Reportable disease" means a specific disease designated 14
- 15 by the Department as reportable under rules pertaining to this
- 16 Act.
- 17 "Animals" means domestic animals, poultry, and wild
- 18 animals in captivity.
- "Exposed to" means for an animal to come in contact with 19
- 20 another animal or an environment that is capable
- transmitting a contagious, infectious, or reportable disease. 21
- 22 An animal will no longer be considered as "exposed to" when it
- 23 is beyond the standard incubation time for the disease and the
- animal has been tested negative for the specific disease or 24
- 25 there is no evidence that the animal is contagious, except for
- 26 animals exposed to Johne's disease. Animals originating from a

- 1 herd where Johne's disease has been diagnosed will be
- 2 considered no longer "exposed to" with a negative test. The
- 3 negative test must have been conducted within 30 days prior to
- 4 the sale or movement.
- 5 "Swap meet" means an organized event where animals
- 6 including, but not limited to, dogs, cats, birds, fish,
- 7 reptiles, or other animals customarily obtained as pets, are
- 8 sold, traded, or exchange hands.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 93-980, eff. 8-20-04.)
- 10 (510 ILCS 50/2) (from Ch. 8, par. 169)
- 11 Sec. 2. It is the duty of the Department to investigate all
- cases or alleged cases coming to its knowledge of contamination
- or contagious and infectious diseases among animals within the
- 14 State and to provide for the suppression, prevention, and
- 15 extirpation of contamination or infectious and contagious
- 16 diseases of such animals.
- 17 The Department may make and adopt reasonable rules and
- 18 regulations for the administration and enforcement of the
- 19 provisions of this Act. No rule or regulation made, adopted or
- issued by the Department pursuant to the provisions of this Act
- 21 shall be effective unless such rule or regulation has been
- 22 submitted to the Advisory Board of Livestock Commissioners for
- 23 approval. All rules of the Department, and all amendments or
- 24 revocations of existing rules, shall be recorded in an
- appropriate book or books, shall be adequately indexed, shall

- 1 be kept in the office of the Department, and shall constitute a
- 2 public record. Such rules shall be printed in pamphlet form and
- 3 furnished, upon request, to the public free of cost.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 77-108.)

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## 5 (510 ILCS 50/3) (from Ch. 8, par. 170)

Sec. 3. Upon its becoming known to the Department that any animals are infected, or suspected of being infected, with any contagious or infectious disease, or contaminated with any chemical or radiological substance, the Department shall have the authority to quarantine and to cause proper examination thereof to be made. If ; and if such disease is found to be of a dangerously contagious or dangerously infectious nature, or the contamination level is such that may be harmful to humans or other animals, the Department shall order such diseased or contaminated animals and such as have been exposed to such disease or contamination, and the premises in or on which they are, or have recently occupied, to be quarantined. Department shall also have the authority to issue area-wide quarantines on animals and premises in order to control the spread of the dangerously contagious or infectious disease and to reduce the spread of contamination. The Department may, in connection with any such quarantine, order that no animal which has been or is so diseased, contaminated, or exposed to such disease or contamination, may be removed from the premises so quarantined and that no animal susceptible to such disease or

- 1 <u>contamination</u> may be brought therein or thereon, except under
- 2 such rules as the Department may prescribe.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 90-385, eff. 8-15-97.)
- 4 (510 ILCS 50/4) (from Ch. 8, par. 171)
- 5 Sec. 4. The Department may order the slaughter of any or
- all of such diseased, contaminated, or exposed animals.
- 7 The Department may disinfect, and, if they cannot be
- 8 properly disinfected, may destroy, all barns, stables,
- 9 outbuildings, premises and personal property contaminated or
- 10 infected with any such contaminant or contagious or infectious
- 11 disease as in its judgment is necessary to prevent the spread
- of any such contaminant or disease; and may order the
- 13 disinfection of all cars, boats or other vehicles used in
- 14 transporting animals affected with any such contaminant or
- 15 disease, or that have been exposed to the contaminant,
- 16 contagion, or infection thereof, and the disinfection of all
- yards, pens and chutes that may have been used in handling such
- 18 contaminated, diseased, or exposed animals.
- 19 (Source: Laws 1961, p. 3164.)
- 20 (510 ILCS 50/6) (from Ch. 8, par. 173)
- Sec. 6. Whenever quarantine is established in accordance
- 22 with the provisions of this Act, notice shall be given by
- 23 delivery in person or by mailing by registered or certified
- 24 mail, postage prepaid, to the owner or occupant of any premises

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so quarantined. Such notice shall be written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, with an explanation of the contents thereof. Such quarantine shall be sufficiently proved in any court by the production of a true copy of such notice of quarantine together with an affidavit, sworn to by the officer or employee of the Department who delivered or mailed such notice, containing a statement that the original thereof was delivered or mailed in the manner herein prescribed.

Every quarantine so established shall remain in effect until removed by order of the Department. Any person aggrieved by any quarantine may appeal to the Department which shall thereupon sustain, modify or annul the quarantine as it may deem proper. Quarantines will be removed when epidemiological evidence indicates that the disease or contamination threat to humans or other animals no longer exists.

16 (Source: Laws 1967, p. 905.)

17 (510 ILCS 50/9) (from Ch. 8, par. 176)

> Sec. 9. The Department may promulgate and adopt reasonable and regulations to prevent the spread of contamination or contagious or infectious disease within this State. If the condition so warrants, the Director may request the Governor to issue a proclamation quarantining an affected municipality or geographical district whereby all animals of the kind diseased or contaminated would not be permitted to be moved from one premises to another within the municipality or

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geographical district, or over any public highway, or any unfenced lot or piece of ground, or from being brought into, or taken from the infected or contaminated municipality or geographical district, except by a special permit, signed by the Director. Any such proclamation shall, from the time of its publication, bind all persons. Within one week after the publication of any such proclamation, every person who owns, or in charge of animals of the kind diseased or is contaminated within the municipality or geographical district, shall report to the Department the number and description of such animals, their location, and the name and address of the owner or person in charge, and during the continuance of the quarantine to report to the Department all cases of sickness, deaths or births among such animals.

(Source: P.A. 81-196.) 15

#### 16 (510 ILCS 50/10) (from Ch. 8, par. 177)

Sec. 10. The Department may promulgate and adopt reasonable rules and regulations to prevent the entry into Illinois of any animals which may be contaminated or infected with, or which may have been exposed to, any contaminant or contagious or infectious disease. If the condition so warrants, the Director may request the Governor to issue a proclamation whereby any animals <u>contaminated or</u> diseased or those exposed to disease and any carcasses or portions of carcasses, feed, seed, bedding, equipment or other material capable of conveying

- 1 <u>contamination or</u> infection will be prohibited from entering
- 2 Illinois.

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- 3 (Source: P.A. 81-196.)
- 4 (510 ILCS 50/13) (from Ch. 8, par. 180)

Sec. 13. The Department shall cooperate with any commissioner or other officer appointed by the United States authorities, in connection with carrying out any provision of any United States Statute providing for the suppression and prevention of contamination or contagious and infectious diseases among animals, in suppression and preventing the spread of contamination or contagious and infectious diseases among animals in this State.

The inspectors of the Animal Health Division of the United States Department of Agriculture and the Illinois Department of Agriculture have the right of inspection, quarantine and condemnation of animals affected with any contamination or contagious or infectious disease, or suspected to be so affected, or that have been exposed to any such contamination or disease, and for these purposes are authorized to enter upon any ground or premises. Such inspectors may call on sheriffs and peace officers to assist them in the discharge of their duties in carrying out the provisions of any such statute, referred to in the preceding paragraph, and the sheriffs and peace officers shall assist such inspectors when so requested. Such inspectors shall have the same powers and protection as

- 1 peace officers while engaged in the discharge of their duties.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 91-457, eff. 1-1-00.)
- 3 (510 ILCS 50/20) (from Ch. 8, par. 187)
- 4 Sec. 20. Any person who knowingly transports, receives or 5 conveys into this State any animals, carcasses or portions of 6 carcasses, feed, seed, bedding, equipment, or other material 7 capable of conveying contamination or infection as defined and 8 prohibited in a proclamation issued by the Governor under the 9 provisions of Section 10 of this Act is quilty of a business 10 offense, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less 11 than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000, for each offense, and shall 12 be liable for all damages or loss that may be sustained by any 13 person by reason of such importation of such prohibited animals, or prohibited materials, which penalty may be 14 15 recovered in the circuit court in any county in this State into 16 or through which such animals or materials are brought.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 81-196.)
- 18 (510 ILCS 50/21) (from Ch. 8, par. 188)
- Sec. 21. Any person who, knowing that any contamination or contagious or infectious disease exists among his animals, conceals such fact, or knowing of the existence of such disease, sells any animal or animals so contaminated or diseased, or any exposed animal, or knowing the same, removes any such contaminated, diseased, or exposed animal from his

premises to the premises of another, or along any public 1 2 highway, or knowing of the existence of such contamination, 3 disease, or exposure thereto, transports, drives, leads or ships any animal so contaminated, diseased, or exposed, by any 4 5 motor vehicle, car or steamboat, to any place in or out of this 6 State; and any person who brings any such contaminated or 7 diseased, or knowingly, brings any such contaminated or exposed 8 animals into this State from another state; and any person who 9 knowingly buys, receives, sells, conveys, or engages in the 10 traffic of such contaminated, diseased, or exposed stock, and 11 any person who violates any quarantine regulation established 12 under the provisions of this or any other Act, for each, either, any or all acts above mentioned in this Section, is 13 guilty of a petty offense and shall forfeit all right to any 14 compensation for any animal or property destroyed under the 15 16 provisions of this Act.

17 (Source: P.A. 91-457, eff. 1-1-00.)

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18 (510 ILCS 50/22) (from Ch. 8, par. 189)

Sec. 22. Any veterinarian having information of the existence of any contamination or reportable disease among animals in this State, who fails to promptly report such knowledge to the Department, shall be guilty of a business offense and shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000 for each offense.

25 (Source: P.A. 90-385, eff. 8-15-97.)

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1 (510 ILCS 50/24) (from Ch. 8, par. 191)

Sec. 24. Any owner or person having charge of any animal and having knowledge of, or reasonable grounds to suspect the existence among them of any contamination or contagious or infectious disease and who does not use reasonable means to prevent the spread of such contamination or disease or violates any quarantine; or who conveys upon or along any public highway or other public grounds or any private lands, any contaminated or diseased animal, or animal known to have died of, or been slaughtered on account of, any contamination or contagious or infectious disease, except in the case of transportation for medical treatment or diagnosis, shall be liable in damages to the person or persons who may have suffered loss on account thereof.

15 (Source: P.A. 90-385, eff. 8-15-97; 91-457, eff. 1-1-00.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.