

# SB0312



## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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SB0312

Introduced 2/7/2007, by Sen. Pamela J. Althoff

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Force-Fed Birds Act. Prohibits force-feeding birds and the selling, serving, or dispensing of products that are the result of force-feeding birds. Provides that violation of the Act is a petty offense with a fine of \$1,000.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning animals.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Force-Fed Birds Act.

6 Section 5. Prohibition; penalties.

7 (a) In this Section:

8 (1) A "bird" includes, but is not limited to, a duck  
9 or goose.

10 (2) "Force-feeding a bird" means a process that causes  
11 the bird to consume more food than a typical bird of the  
12 same species would consume voluntarily. Force-feeding  
13 methods include, but are not limited to, delivering feed  
14 through a tube or other device inserted into the bird's  
15 esophagus.

16 (b) A person may not force-feed a bird for the purpose of  
17 enlarging the bird's liver beyond normal size or hire another  
18 person to do so.

19 (c) A product may not be sold, served, or dispensed in this  
20 State if it is the result of force-feeding a bird for the  
21 purpose of enlarging the bird's liver beyond normal size.

22 (d) A person who knowingly violates this Section is guilty  
23 of a petty offense and shall be fined \$1,000. Each day that a

1 violation occurs is a separate offense.