

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources.

HB25-1074 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 23 through 27.

2 Strike page 3.

3 Page 4, strike lines 1 through 5 and substitute:

4 "(g) The Colorado Egg Producers Association has always
5 prioritized responsible and humane practices;

6 (h) Keeping hens in fully cage-free facilities can increase the
7 likelihood of spreading dangerous diseases that impact the health of hens
8 and thereby cause public health concerns; and

9 (i) Furthermore, such impacts to hen health can cause further
10 impacts on the egg supply, and a decrease in the egg supply can lead to
11 further increased costs.

12 (2) Therefore, the general assembly declares that during this time
13 of increased inflation and high egg prices, to reduce the burden on egg
14 production, keep consumer costs low, and protect public health, the
15 requirements for cage-free egg-laying hen facilities should be suspended
16 during times when the governor has declared a disaster emergency or a
17 public health emergency or avian flu epidemic has been declared.

18 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-21-204, **amend**
19 (1)(e) and (1)(f); and **add** (1)(g) as follows:

20 **35-21-204. Exceptions.** (1) Section 35-21-203 (1) does not apply
21 during:

22 (e) Slaughter, if done in accordance with an applicable law; **or**

23 (f) Temporary periods for animal husbandry purposes for no more
24 than six hours in any twenty-four-hour period and no more than
25 twenty-four hours total in any thirty-day period; **OR**

26 (g) A TIME WHEN THE GOVERNOR HAS DECLARED A DISASTER
27 EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-704 OR A PUBLIC HEALTH
28 EMERGENCY OR AVIAN FLU EPIDEMIC HAS BEEN DECLARED.

29 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
30 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
31 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
32 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
33 institutions."

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