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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1997–98 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1480**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Bordonaro**

February 28, 1997

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An act to amend ~~Section 22001.5~~ *Sections 22001.5 and 22008* of, and to add Section 22037 to, the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to agriculture.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1480, as amended, Bordonaro. Cattle: ~~mobile slaughter operators: registration.~~

**Existing**

(1) *Existing* law prohibits a person from slaughtering any bovine animal unless the person has a slaughterer's license issued by the Bureau of Livestock Identification within the Department of Food and Agriculture. Existing law exempts a mobile slaughter operator who slaughters cattle for the owner of the cattle on the owner's premises from this licensing requirement.

This bill would, instead, require a mobile slaughter operator to register with the bureau as an unlicensed mobile slaughterer. The bill would authorize the Secretary of Food and Agriculture to cancel the registration of any unlicensed mobile slaughterer for failing to comply with specified record-keeping requirements.

(2) *Existing law requires every person who is not a licensed slaughterer who slaughters cattle to keep a record of all cattle*

that he or she slaughters. Existing law prescribes the contents of the record.

This bill would require the record also to include the name and location of the food locker to which the slaughtered animal is, or the slaughtered animals are, delivered for butchering.

(3) Existing law prescribes criminal penalties for violations of law concerning cattle protection. By creating new crimes, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(4) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: ~~no~~ yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 22001.5 of the Food and  
2 Agricultural Code is amended to read:

3 22001.5. The Legislature finds and declares that  
4 mobile slaughter operators who perform the service of  
5 slaughtering cattle for the owner of the cattle on the  
6 owner's premises are not licensed slaughterers pursuant  
7 to this chapter. However, on and after January 15, 1998,  
8 a mobile slaughter operator shall be registered with the  
9 bureau as an unlicensed mobile slaughterer pursuant to  
10 Section 22037 and is subject to Section 22008.

11 SEC. 2. *Section 22008 of the Food and Agricultural*  
12 *Code is amended to read:*

13 22008. Every person that is not a licensed slaughterer  
14 that slaughters cattle shall do all of the following:

15 (a) Keep a record in a book which he or she keeps for  
16 that purpose of all cattle ~~which~~ that are slaughtered by  
17 him or her. ~~Such~~ The record shall include the name,  
18 address, and telephone number of the person for whom  
19 the cattle are slaughtered, a full description of the cattle,  
20 including the brands and marks, ~~and~~ the date of



1 slaughter, and the name and location of the food locker  
2 to which the slaughtered animal is, or the slaughtered  
3 animals are, delivered for butchering.

4 (b) Exhibit the record book on demand of any  
5 inspector or peace officer.

6 (c) Notify a brand inspector within 24 hours if he  
7 slaughters a bovine animal and does not deliver the  
8 carcass and hide to a frozen food locker plant licensed  
9 pursuant to ~~Chapter 12 (commencing with Section~~  
10 ~~28700) of Division 22 Chapter 7 (commencing with~~  
11 ~~Section 112500) of Part 6 of Division 104~~ of the Health and  
12 Safety Code.

13 SEC. 3. Section 22037 is added to the Food and  
14 Agricultural Code, to read:

15 22037. (a) A mobile slaughter operator, as provided  
16 in Section 22001.5, shall file a registration with the bureau  
17 that shows the names and addresses of the owners of the  
18 unlicensed mobile slaughterer and any other information  
19 the secretary may require.

20 (b) The registration shall be filed with the bureau  
21 before a mobile slaughter operator may slaughter cattle  
22 pursuant to Section 22001.5.

23 (c) After notice and hearing, the secretary may cancel  
24 the registration of any unlicensed mobile slaughterer for  
25 failing to comply with Section 22001.5 or 22008.

26 SEC. 4. *No reimbursement is required by this act*  
27 *pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California*  
28 *Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred*  
29 *by a local agency or school district will be incurred*  
30 *because this act creates a new crime or infraction,*  
31 *eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty*  
32 *for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section*  
33 *17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition*  
34 *of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article*  
35 *XIII B of the California Constitution.*

36 *Notwithstanding Section 17580 of the Government*  
37 *Code, unless otherwise specified, the provisions of this act*



1 *shall become operative on the same date that the act*  
2 *takes effect pursuant to the California Constitution.*

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