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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 682, L.D. 922, “Resolve, To Streamline the Laws Governing Small Slaughterhouses”

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Review the Laws Governing Slaughterhouses'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Examination of laws and rules governing slaughterhouses. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall examine the laws and rules governing slaughterhouses with particular emphasis on obstacles that prevent slaughterhouses from processing many different species of animals as efficiently and safely as possible. The department shall examine the process it uses to answer questions posed to it by owners and operators of slaughterhouses and describe steps it will take to ensure that the answers it provides are in writing and timely, clear, consistent and complete. The department shall report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than January 15, 2012. The Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature on the subject matter of the department's report.'

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause. It also requires a review of laws pertaining to all slaughterhouse rather than to only small slaughterhouses. It extends the time for the required report until January 15, 2012 and

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to
2 submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature rather than the
3 First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

4 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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6 **(See attached)**
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