

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 581

By: Senator B. King

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING POULTRY INTEGRATORS; TO CREATE THE
POULTRY INTEGRATORS DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES AND
TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE THE POULTRY INTEGRATORS
DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES AND TAXPAYER
PROTECTION ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 4, Chapter 88, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 15 – Poultry Integrators Deceptive Trade Practices and Taxpayer
Protection Act

4-88-1501. Title.

This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Poultry
Integrators Deceptive Trade Practices and Taxpayer Protection Act".

4-88-1502. Poultry integrator transparency – Definition.

(a) As used in this section, "poultry integrator" means a company that
owns poultry throughout the poultry growing process by supplying food,
medicine, or other needs for the poultry under a contract with a grower.

(b) An owner or operator of a poultry integrator shall not:

(1) Fail to disclose a material fact related to the business
health of the poultry integrator's business to a grower in contract



negotiations or under contract with the poultry integrator;

(2) Require the grower to make costly capital improvements or changes to the grower's poultry houses or the manner of growing without adequate assurance that the poultry integrator will fulfill its obligations under the poultry contract with the grower;

(3) In the event the poultry integrator will no longer be able to remain in business, fail to take all reasonable steps to ensure the poultry subject to a contract between the poultry integrator and the grower will be adequately taken care of; or

(4) Commit any deceptive and unconscionable trade practice as described in § 4-88-107.

4-88-1503. Liability for poultry integrators – Penalties.

(a) An owner or operator of a poultry integrator that violates this subchapter is liable if the poultry integrator knowingly engages in an action described under § 4-88-1502(b).

(b)(1) As authorized under § 4-88-103, a prosecutor may initiate an enforcement action against the owner or operator of a poultry integrator who allegedly violates § 4-88-1502.

(2) As authorized under § 4-88-104, the Attorney General may initiate an enforcement action against the owner or operator of a poultry integrator who allegedly commits a violation of § 4-88-1502.

(c) The owner or operator of a poultry integrator that violates this subchapter is, upon conviction, guilty of a Class B felony.

(d) A grower who is injured by the violation of this subchapter by a poultry integrator may:

(1) File a civil action for damages; and

(2) Be awarded damages, fees, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees.