

House Bill 2525

Sponsored by Representative BUEHLER (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Modifies requirements relating to donating game meat to charitable organizations.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to game meat; amending ORS 619.095, 619.105 and 624.165.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 619.095 is amended to read:

619.095. *[(1) Game meat donated to charitable organizations shall be inspected by the State Department of Agriculture to determine fitness for human consumption as provided in ORS 603.045 and 619.031 or shall be inspected and determined fit for human consumption by employees of the State Department of Fish and Wildlife or the Department of State Police who have been trained by the State Department of Agriculture in the procedures provided in ORS 603.045 and 619.031, and shall be processed by an establishment approved by the State Department of Agriculture as provided in ORS 619.026 and 619.031 and may be served for human consumption by charitable organizations.]*

(1) Game meat donated to a charitable organization may be served by the charitable organization for human consumption if:

(a) The game meat has been inspected and determined fit for human consumption by the State Department of Agriculture or by an employee of one of the following organizations who has been trained by the State Department of Agriculture in the procedures provided in ORS 603.045 and 619.031:

(A) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife;

(B) The Department of State Police; or

(C) An animal food processing establishment approved by the State Department of Agriculture as provided in ORS 619.026 and 619.031; and

(b) The game meat has been processed by an establishment approved by the State Department of Agriculture as provided in ORS 619.026 and 619.031.

(2) As used in subsection (1) of this section:

(a) "Charitable organization" means the Department of Human Services, Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Youth Authority, Department of Corrections institutions, low-income nutritional centers, public school nutritional centers, senior nutritional centers, state hospitals and other charitable organizations or public institutions approved by the State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

(b) "Fit for human consumption" means game meat from an animal killed by a weapon, the carcass of which is free of visible disease or parasite lesions.

[(b)] (c) "Game meat" [includes antelope, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, moose and mountain goat.]

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 means the edible portion of any wildlife species for which the State Fish and Wildlife Com-
2 mission prescribes an angling, hunting or trapping season by rule under ORS 496.162.

3 **SECTION 2.** ORS 619.105 is amended to read:

4 619.105. No civil or criminal sanctions shall be imposed upon State Department of Agriculture
5 employees, State Department of Fish and Wildlife employees, [or] Department of State Police em-
6 ployees **or the employees of animal food processing establishments approved by the State**
7 **Department of Agriculture as provided in ORS 619.026 and 619.031** for the good faith inspection
8 of game meat as provided in ORS 619.095.

9 **SECTION 3.** ORS 624.165 is amended to read:

10 624.165. (1) Subject to ORS 624.070, game meat that has been donated to a charitable organiza-
11 tion and has been inspected and processed as provided in ORS 619.095 may be served for human
12 consumption by that charitable organization.

13 (2) As used in subsection (1) of this section:

14 (a) "Charitable organization" means the Department of Human Services, Oregon Health Au-
15 thority, Oregon Youth Authority, Department of Corrections institutions, low-income nutritional
16 centers, public school nutritional centers, senior nutritional centers, state hospitals and other
17 charitable organizations or public institutions approved by the State Department of Fish and
18 Wildlife.

19 (b) "Game meat" [*includes antelope, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, moose and mountain goat.*] **has the**
20 **meaning given that term in ORS 619.095.**

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