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Short Title: Ostrich Meat Inspection.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE INSPECTION OF OSTRICHES AND OTHER  
3 RATITES UNDER THE MEAT INSPECTION ACT.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 106-549.15 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

6 "(21a) 'Ratite' means a bird whose breastbone is smooth so that flight muscles  
7 cannot attach, such as an ostrich, an emu, and a rhea. These birds are  
8 subject to the provisions of this Article and Article 49C to the same  
9 extent as any other meat food product."

10 Sec. 2. G.S. 106-549.39 reads as rewritten:

11 **"§ 106-549.39. Hours of inspection; overtime work; fees.**

12 (a) ~~The Commissioner, or his agents, Commissioner shall is not be required to~~  
13 ~~furnish meat inspection, as herein provided, inspection services during the following times~~  
14 ~~unless the establishment under inspection pays the Department for the services: for~~  
15 ~~more than eight hours in any one day, or in excess of 40 hours in any one calendar week or on~~  
16 ~~Sundays or legal holidays except on payment to the Department by the operator of an~~  
17 ~~establishment under inspection of an hourly fee for each hour of State meat inspection~~  
18 ~~furnished over eight hours in any one day or in excess of 40 hours in any calendar week or on~~  
19 ~~Sundays and legal holidays.~~

20 (1) More than eight hours in a day.

1           (2) More than 40 hours in a calendar week.

2           (3) On a Sunday.

3           (4) On a legal holiday.

4 The Commissioner may establish a fee at an hourly rate to be paid by an establishment  
5 inspected during the times listed above. The fee shall be credited to the Department as a  
6 departmental receipt and applied to the cost of inspecting the establishment.

7       (b) The Commissioner shall may establish a fee at an hourly rate to be paid by an  
8 establishment preparing ostriches or other ratites as a meat food product. The fee shall  
9 be credited to the Department as a departmental receipt and applied to the cost of  
10 inspecting ostriches and other ratites. ~~for such overtime at an amount sufficient to defray the~~  
11 ~~cost of such inspection.~~

12 ~~All fees received by the Department under this section shall be deposited in the~~  
13 ~~general fund in the State treasury, credited to the Department of Agriculture account,~~  
14 ~~and continuously appropriated to the Department for the purpose of administration and~~  
15 ~~enforcement of this and the previous Article."~~

16           Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.