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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 20, 2024
Subject: HB 2608—Poultry Disease Control Act and National Poultry Improvement Plan

House Bill 2608 as amended by House Committee of the Whole would authorize the animal health commissioner to administer and enforce the poultry disease control act and establish certain fees relating to the national poultry improvement plan.

The national poultry improvement plan was established in 1935 to diminish the spread of certain poultry diseases and to promote the testing and monitoring for such diseases. Currently, each hatchery in Kansas must be designated as a “national plan hatchery” by the animal health commissioner of the Kansas department of agriculture or meet equivalent requirements for pullorum and fowl typhoid control.¹ Each hatchery supply flock within Kansas must be designated as “U.S. pullorum-typhoid clean” by the commissioner or must meet equivalent requirements. Additionally, no poultry may be shipped into Kansas other than from a source that is designated “U.S. pullorum-typhoid clean” under the plan or that meets equivalent requirements.

Section 1 of HB 2608 would grant the animal health commissioner the authority to administer and enforce the poultry disease control act.

Section 2 would require each person participating in the plan to pay the commissioner an annual plan participation fee not to exceed \$50.

Section 3 would require each person performing any testing or poultry disease diagnostic services pursuant to the act to pay an annual certification fee not to exceed \$50. Any person who requests testing or diagnostic services relating to pullorum typhoid would be required to pay a fee not to exceed \$100 per visit to each location participating in the plan. Additionally, the bill would explicitly provide that using services related to pullorum typhoid performed by someone not

¹ K.S.A. 2-911.

certified or authorized to do so under the act would not be considered sufficient to support a national plan hatchery or U.S. pullorum-typhoid clean designation pursuant to the plan.

Section 4 would provide that designation under the plan could be revoked for failure to pay the annual plan participation fee within a 60-day grace period.

HB 2608 would take effect on July 1, 2024, upon publication in the Kansas statute book.