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BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 126 (as introduced 2-9-97) Sponsor: Senator Philip E. Hoffman Committee: Agriculture and Forestry

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CONTENT

The bill would repeal Public Act 280 of 1965, which provides for the certification and licensure of slaughterhouses. The Act requires the Director of the Department of Agriculture to administer the Act; provides that the Director must evaluate and may approve local units' meat inspection programs; prohibits a person from establishing or operating a slaughterhouse or an edible rendering establishment without a license from the Department; requires a license to establish or operate a wholesale fabricating, processing, or storage establishment handling meat products; exempts from licensure people "conducting operations of types traditionally conducted at retail outlets"; provides for ante-mortem and postmortem inspection of slaughtered animals; and authorizes the Director to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the purpose of carrying out the meat inspection program.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact. The Federal government has superseded the State in meat inspections. The State has not implemented Public Act 280 of 1965 for a number of years.

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