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A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 4.1-30-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to livestock packing plant purchases of livestock; and to repeal chapter 36-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to livestock packing plant purchases of livestock.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 36-06-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

~~36-06-01~~4.1-30-01. Packing plant defined.

The term "packing plant" as used in this chapter means a place where livestock, exclusive of poultry, is purchased for the purpose of slaughtering, dressing, curing, or processing the same for storage and distribution at wholesale for human consumption.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 36-06-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

~~36-06-02~~4.1-30-02. Livestock purchased by weight to be graded - Penalty.

~~No~~An officer or employee of a packing plant within this state may not purchase any livestock by weight unless such livestock has been graded and sorted in the yard and the price per pound [.45 kilogram] for each grade fixed and determined before the ~~weighing thereof~~livestock is weighed. Any officer or employee of a packing plant who violates this section is guilty of an infraction.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 36-06-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

~~36-06-03~~4.1-30-03. Penalty for purchase of livestock by weight without grading ~~the same~~.

Each purchase of livestock in violation of section 36-06-02 is a separate offense and constitutes an infraction upon the part of every owner of a packing plant in which such violation occurs.

NOTE: The State Veterinarian provided the comment on this chapter that "even though outdated, the language may still be needed should we have those facilities built again in our state. North Dakota Century Code Chapter 36-06 could be under Title 4.1 since it has to do with the livestock division and meat inspection."