

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2023-099

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFER TO THE  
4 SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND ECONOMIC  
5 DEVELOPMENT A STUDY CONCERNING POULTRY INTEGRATOR RESPONSIBILITY.  
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7 WHEREAS, Arkansas is one of the leading states in the nation in poultry  
8 production and is home to numerous companies and businesses that are involved  
9 in the poultry industry; and  
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11 WHEREAS, poultry is the leading animal agricultural industry in  
12 Arkansas, providing over one hundred fifty-seven thousand six hundred thirty-  
13 nine (157,639) jobs and fifty percent (50%) of total agriculture cash  
14 receipts; and  
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16 WHEREAS, due to the important part that poultry plays in the  
17 agricultural industry in Arkansas, it is vital that all involved in the  
18 poultry industry in the state are held responsible for the health and welfare  
19 of the poultry in their care, including without limitation poultry  
20 integrators,  
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22 NOW THEREFORE,  
23 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE NINETY-FOURTH  
24 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 THAT the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic  
27 Development conduct a study of the responsibility of poultry integrators on  
28 the health and welfare of poultry related to nutrition, disease, disease  
29 prevention, or other health related concerns, including without limitation  
30 recommendations on how to hold negligent poultry integrators responsible for  
31 poultry depopulation and disposal.  
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33 Respectfully submitted,  
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