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Secretary of State

**ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

An Economic Impact Statement is required for this proposed rule by Section 25-43-3.105 of the Administrative Procedures Act. An Economic Impact Statement must be attached to this Form and address the factors below. A **PDF document containing this executed Form and the Economic Impact Statement must be filed with any proposed rule, if required by the aforementioned statute.**

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ADDRESS P.O. Box 1609	CITY Jackson	STATE Mississippi	ZIP 39215-1609
EMAIL richardb@mdac.ms.gov	DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF PROPOSED RULE Inspection exemption of custom slaughtered livestock four or less owners		
Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule: <i>Miss. Code Ann. §§75-33-5, 75-35-27</i>		Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule: new rule	

SIGNATURE 	TITLE Deputy Commissioner
DATE 3/7/2014	PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE 5/2/2014

- Describe the need for the proposed action:  
Current inspection exemption of custom slaughtered livestock only allows animals to be owned by one individual.
- Describe the benefits which will likely accrue as the result of the proposed action:  
Allowing custom slaughtered livestock to have up to four owners will allow more individuals to have the opportunity to own locally grown and slaughtered livestock.
- Describe the effect the proposed action will have on the public health, safety, and welfare:  
This proposed action will have no detrimental effect on public health, safety or welfare.
- Estimate the cost to the agency and to any other state or local government entities, of implementing and enforcing the proposed action, including the estimated amount of paperwork, and any anticipated effect on state or local revenues:  
Implementation of this proposal will have no additional cost or effect on state or local revenues.
- Estimate the cost or economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed action:

Livestock producers will have a greater number of potential customers. One hundred cattle could have value added of one dollar per pound of live weight.

6. Provide an analysis of the impact of the proposed rule on small business:
  - a. Identify and estimate the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation:  
Nineteen slaughter plants, one hundred livestock producers
  - b. Provide the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for compliance with the proposed regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparation of the report or record: There would be no additional costs
  - c. State the probable effect on impacted small businesses: Slaughter plants would have additional customers. Livestock producers would be able to sell livestock with added value.
  - d. Describe any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation including the following regulatory flexibility analysis:
    - i. The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses; The reporting requirements will not change.
    - ii. The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses; The schedules or deadlines will not change
    - iii. The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses; The compliance or reporting requirements will not change
    - iv. The establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the proposed regulation; The performance standards will not change.
    - v. The exemption of some or all small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the proposed regulations: Small businesses will not be exempt from this proposed regulation.
7. Compare the costs and benefits of the proposed rule to the probable costs and benefits of not adopting the proposed rule or significantly amending an existing rule:  
This rule will have no additional costs and will allow hundreds more livestock to be slaughtered, processed and consumed without leaving for out of state feed lots.
8. Determine whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule where reasonable alternative methods exist which are not precluded by law:  
No alternative methods exist.
9. Describe reasonable alternative methods, where applicable, for achieving the purpose of the proposed action which were considered by the agency:  
No alternative methods are applicable.
10. State reasons for rejecting alternative methods that were described in #9 above:  
Not applicable
11. Provide a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in making estimates required by this subsection:  
These estimates were based on inquiries made to the Meat Inspection Division of MDAC.