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A Bill

SENATE BILL 581

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5 By: Senator B. King
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT CONCERNING POULTRY INTEGRATORS; TO CREATE THE
10 POULTRY INTEGRATORS DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES AND
11 TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 TO CREATE THE POULTRY INTEGRATORS
16 DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES AND TAXPAYER
17 PROTECTION ACT.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 4, Chapter 88, is amended to add an
22 additional subchapter to read as follows:

23 Subchapter 15 – Poultry Integrators Deceptive Trade Practices and Taxpayer
24 Protection Act

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26 4-88-1501. Title.

27 This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Poultry
28 Integrators Deceptive Trade Practices and Taxpayer Protection Act".
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30 4-88-1502. Poultry integrator transparency – Definition.

31 (a) As used in this section, "poultry integrator" means a company that
32 owns poultry throughout the poultry growing process by supplying food,
33 medicine, or other needs for the poultry under a contract with a grower.

34 (b) An owner or operator of a poultry integrator shall not:

35 (1) Fail to disclose a material fact related to the business
36 health of the poultry integrator's business to a grower in contract



1 negotiations or under contract with the poultry integrator;

2 (2) Require the grower to make costly capital improvements or
3 changes to the grower's poultry houses or the manner of growing without
4 adequate assurance that the poultry integrator will fulfill its obligations
5 under the poultry contract with the grower;

6 (3) In the event the poultry integrator will no longer be able
7 to remain in business, fail to take all reasonable steps to ensure the
8 poultry subject to a contract between the poultry integrator and the grower
9 will be adequately taken care of; or

10 (4) Commit any deceptive and unconscionable trade practice as
11 described in § 4-88-107.

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13 4-88-1503. Liability for poultry integrators – Penalties.

14 (a) An owner or operator of a poultry integrator that violates this
15 subchapter is liable if the poultry integrator knowingly engages in an action
16 described under § 4-88-1502(b).

17 (b)(1) As authorized under § 4-88-103, a prosecutor may initiate an
18 enforcement action against the owner or operator of a poultry integrator who
19 allegedly violates § 4-88-1502.

20 (2) As authorized under § 4-88-104, the Attorney General may
21 initiate an enforcement action against the owner or operator of a poultry
22 integrator who allegedly commits a violation of § 4-88-1502.

23 (c) The owner or operator of a poultry integrator that violates this
24 subchapter is, upon conviction, guilty of a Class B felony.

25 (d) A grower who is injured by the violation of this subchapter by a
26 poultry integrator may:

27 (1) File a civil action for damages; and

28 (2) Be awarded damages, fees, costs, and reasonable attorney's
29 fees.