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Senate Bill 242 Alaska Food Freedom Act Sectional Analysis April 11, 2022

Section 1 creates an uncodified purpose section for the bill.

Section 2 amends AS 17.20 to create a new article titled "Alaska Food Freedom Act" consisting of five new sections:

AS 17.20.331 (exemption statute): this section creates an exemption for the purchase and sale of homemade food products for home consumption and provides applicable restrictions or limitations on transaction requirements, food ingredients, and labeling or signage requirements.

AS 17.20.332 (animal shares): this section establishes conditions and requirements of animal share operations in statute, which would allow the sharing of meat and meat products by individuals participating in a herd share arrangement.

AS 17.20.337 (exceptions): this section contains clarifications to the bill, including that the Department retains its investigative and regulatory powers, and the bill does not change state requirements for brand or animal health inspection, that state agencies may provide assistance, consultation or guidance at the request of the producer, that the bill shall not be construed as more restrictive than applicable federal requirements, and the bill does not affect any federal or local laws.

AS 17.20.338 (definitions): this section contains definitions applicable to AS 17.20.331 through AS 17.20.339.

AS 17.20.33(short title): this section creates a short title for the bill, providing that AS 17.20.331 through AS 17.20.339 may be cited as the Alaska Food Freedom Act.