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SB 537 requires poultry exempted from the processing provisions of the Oklahoma Poultry Products Inspection Act to bear a label prescribed by the measure. The measure also grants exemptions from the provisions of the Act to producers that slaughter poultry raised by the producer and producers that sell poultry directly to consumers. These producers must slaughter less than 20,000 poultry per year or slaughter or process poultry products at a facility not used for slaughtering or processing poultry products by any other person and affix the label prescribed by this measure. The measure further exempts small enterprises and does not require small enterprises to affix the prescribed label.

The CS for SB 537 adds language requiring any person practicing the slaughter of poultry to register with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry and follow basic sanitation standards. Each exempt facility is required by the CS to make itself available for inspection twice per year by the Department.

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