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A BILL

Го	amend sections 913.04, 913.28, 915.01, 915.03,	1
	915.14, 915.18, 915.20, 925.21, 925.62,	2
	3715.041, 3715.07, 3715.27, 3715.33, 3715.36,	3
	and 3715.99; to amend, for the purpose of	4
	adopting a new section number as indicated in	5
	parentheses, section 3715.36 (3715.34); and to	6
	repeal sections 913.27, 915.04, 915.05, 915.06,	7
	915.07, 915.08, 915.19, 915.21, 925.26, 925.27,	8
	925.28, 925.52, 925.56, 925.61, 3715.14,	9
	3715.15, 3715.16, 3715.17, 3715.18, 3715.19,	10
	3715.20, 3715.34, 3715.35, and 3715.37 of the	11
	Revised Code to revise specified provisions of	12
	agriculture law.	13

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 913.04, 913.28, 915.01, 915.03,	14
915.14, 915.18, 915.20, 925.21, 925.62, 3715.041, 3715.07,	15
3715.27, 3715.33, 3715.36, and 3715.99 be amended and section	16

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(2) Chewing gum;

(D) "Container" means any bag, barrel, basket, bottle,	71
box, caddy can, canister, carton, crate, firkin, hogshead, jar,	72
jug, keg, stopper, vessel, wrapper, frozen bulk, or any similar	73
or analogous utensil, receptacle, band, or wrapper in which food	74
may be kept, stored, sold, or offered for sale.	75
(E) "Marked" means written, printed, stamped, or painted,	76
or any other means whereby words or figures may be indicated in-	77
or on a container, or any cover attached thereto.	78
(F) "Wholesome" means fit for human food.	79
Sec. 915.03. Each person, firm, or corporation licensed to	80
operate a cold-storage warehouse shall keep an accurate record	81
of the receipts and withdrawals of food therefrom. The agents of	82
the director of agriculture shall have free access to such	83
records at all times. Each such person, firm, or corporation	84
shall file in the office of the director on or before the sixth-	85
day of January, April, July, and October of each year, a report-	86
setting forth in itemized form the kind and quantities of food-	87
products held in cold storage in such warehouse. The report-	88
shall be made on printed forms prepared and supplied by the-	89
director. The director may cause such other reports to be filed	90
at such times as he may deem advisable.	91
Sec. 915.14. As used in sections 915.14 to 915.24 of the	92
Revised Code, unless the context otherwise requires:	93
(A) "Food" means—all articles used by humans for food,	94
drink, ice, confectionery, or condiment, whether simple, mixed,	95
or compound, and any substance used as a constituent in the	96
<pre>manufacture thereof:</pre>	97
(1) Articles used for food or drink for humans or animals;	98
(2) Chewing gum;	99

(3) Articles used for components of any such articles.	100
(B) "Establishment" means any business location or	101
building of which any of the following facilities or operations	102
are a part: a frozen food manufacturing facility,	103
slaughterhouse, locker room, locker, chill room, sharp freezing	104
room and facilities, or sharp freezing cabinet.	105
(C) "Slaughterhouse" means a room or space used to butcher-	106
animals for sharp freezing.	107
(D) "Locker room" means any room in an establishment in	108
which lockers are located and in which space may be provided for	109
the storage of frozen food belonging to and for sale by the-	110
operator to the public.	111
(E) "Locker" means the individual section or compartment,	112
provided with a lock, of a capacity not to exceed twenty-five-	113
cubic feet, in the locker room of an establishment, which is-	114
rented by a person, firm, or corporation for the purpose of-	115
storing frozen food for its use.	116
(F) "Chill room" means a room or space in an establishment	117
used for the purpose of chilling food in preparation for	118
processing for sharp freezing.	119
(G) (D) "Sharp freezing" means the reducing of every	120
portion of food placed in a sharp freezer facility to a	121
temperature of ten degrees Fahrenheit or less in five hours or	122
less.	123
(H) (E) "Sharp freezing room," "sharp freezing cabinet,"	124
or "other sharp freezing facilities" means any location, space,	125
or facility in an establishment used for the sharp freezing of	126
food for storage or eventual sale.	127

$\frac{(I)}{(F)}$ "Operator" means any person, firm, or corporation	128
operating or maintaining an establishment.	129
operating of marmearning an establishment.	123
(J) (G) "Frozen food manufacturing facility" means a room	130
or space in an establishment used to freeze food, other than	131
frozen desserts as defined in section 917.01 of the Revised	132
Code, for eventual sale in a frozen state.	133
Sec. 915.18. (A) The refrigeration system for an	134
establishment shall be equipped with accurate and reliable	135
controls for the automatic maintenance of uniform temperatures	136
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as required in the various refrigerated rooms and shall be of	137
adequate capacity to provide under extreme conditions of outside	138
temperatures and under peak load conditions in the normal	139
operations of the establishment, the following temperatures:	140
(1) In the chill room temperatures within two degrees of	141
Fahrenheit plus or minus of thirty-eight degrees above zero	142
Fahrenheit with a tolerance of ten degrees Fahrenheit for a	143
reasonable time after fresh food is put in for chilling;	144
(2) In the sharp freezing room temperatures of ten degrees	145
below zero Fahrenheit or lower or temperatures of zero degrees	146
Fahrenheit or lower when forced air circulation is employed with	147
a tolerance of ten degrees Fahrenheit for either type of	148
installation for a reasonable time after fresh food is put in	149
for freezing+	150
(3) In the locker room temperatures of not to exceed plus-	151
five degrees Fahrenheit with a tolerance of five degrees	152
Fahrenheit higher;	153
(B) All establishments with the exception of those having	154
a locker room only, shall have a chill room, and sharp-freezing	155
facilities and facilities for cutting and wrapping or packaging	156
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food.	157
(B) This section does not prohibit such variations as may	158
occur during short periods of time incidental to defrosting. For	159
experimental purposes, the department of agriculture, upon	160
application in writing, may authorize for a limited and	161
prescribed period, the installation and use of refrigeration	162
systems or methods which in the opinion of the department will	163
result in improvement over present methods.	164
Sec. 915.20. (A) As used in this section:	165
(1) "Locker" means the individual section or compartment,	166
provided with a lock, of a capacity not to exceed twenty-five	167
cubic feet, in the locker room of an establishment, which is	168
rented by a person, firm, or corporation for the purpose of	169
storing frozen food for its use.	170
(2) "Locker room" means any room in an establishment in	171
which lockers are located and in which space may be provided for	172
the storage of frozen food belonging to and for sale by the	173
operator to the public.	174
(B) Every operator of an establishment having lockers	175
shall keep an accurate record setting forth:	176
(A) The the name and address of each patron renting a	177
locker or storing food;	178
(B) The rental period for each locker rented, the charge	179
therefor, and the payments thereon;	180
(C) All persons renting lockers who are directly or	181
indirectly engaged in the selling of foodstuffs for human	182
consumption must declare this fact to the management and an	183
entry shall be made on the records of the operator	184

Articles of food in any establishment which are intended	185
for trade channels must be handled as provided under sections-	186
915.03 to 915.12, inclusive, of the Revised Code, and the rules	187
and regulations promulgated thereunder. An operator may have in	188
storage in any establishment under his control, food belonging-	189
to and for sale by such operator to the public, without	190
complying with section 915.03 of the Revised Code.	191
Sec. 925.21. As used in sections 925.22 to 925.32,	192
inclusive, of the Revised Code:	193
(A) "Fruit or vegetable" means any fresh unprocessed fruit	194
or vegetable which is intended for human consumption.	195
(B) "Container" means any device used to hold or enclose a	196
quantity of fruits or vegetables, except one with a capacity of	197
one dry quart or less which is packed in a larger container	198
marked in compliance with sections 925.21 to 925.32, inclusive,	199
of the Revised Code.	200
(C) "Person" includes any individual, company,	201
partnership, corporation, or association or any combination of	202
individuals of whatever form and character, also any employee,	203
agent, or officer thereof.	204
(D) "Unclassified" means that no grade has been applied to	205
a quantity of fruits or vegetables.	206
Sec. 925.62. No person, firm, or corporation shall dye or	207
otherwise color any rabbit or baby poultry, including, but not	208
limited to, chicks and ducklings. No person, firm, or	209
corporation shall sell, offer for sale, expose for sale, raffle,	210
or give away any rabbit or baby poultry which has been dyed or	211
otherwise colored. No poultry younger than four weeks of age may	212
be sold, given away, or otherwise distributed to any person in	213

lots of less than <u>six</u> three. Stores, shops, vendors, and others	214
offering young poultry for sale or other distribution shall	215
provide and operate brooders or other heating devices that may	216
be necessary to maintain poultry in good health, and shall keep	217
adequate food and water available to the poultry at all times.	218
Sec. 3715.041. (A) (1) As used in this section, "food	219
processing establishment" has the same meaning as in section	220
3715.021 of the Revised Code.	221
(2) A person that operates a food processing establishment	222
shall register the establishment annually with the director of	223
agriculture. The person shall submit an application for	224
registration or renewal on a form prescribed and provided by the	225
director. Except as provided in division (G) of this section, an	226
application for registration or renewal shall be accompanied by	227
a registration fee in an amount established in rules adopted	228
under this section. If a person files an application for	229
registration on or after the first day of August of any year,	230
the fee shall be one-half of the annual registration fee.	231
(B)(1) The director shall inspect the food processing	232
establishment for which an application for initial registration	233
has been submitted. If, upon inspection, the director finds that	234
the establishment is in compliance with this chapter and Chapter	235
911., 913., 915., or 925. of the Revised Code, as applicable, or	236
applicable rules adopted under those chapters, the director	237
shall issue a certificate of registration to the food processing	238
establishment. A food processing establishment registration	239
expires on the thirty-first day of January and is valid until	240
that date unless it is suspended or revoked under this section.	241
(2) A person that is operating a food processing	242

establishment shall apply to the director for a certificate of

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registration not later than a date specified by the director in	244
rules adopted under this section. If an application is not filed	245
with the director or postmarked on or before that date, the	246
director shall assess a late fee in an amount established in	247
rules adopted under this section.	248
(C)(1) A food processing establishment registration may be	249
renewed by the director. A person seeking registration renewal	250
shall submit an application for renewal to the director not	251
later than the thirty-first day of January. The director shall	252
issue a renewed certificate of registration on receipt of a	253
complete renewal application except as provided in division (C)	254
(2) of this section.	255
(2) If a renewal application is not filed with the	256
director or postmarked on or before the thirty-first day of	257
January, the director shall assess a late fee in an amount	258
established in rules adopted under this section. The director	259
shall not renew the registration until the applicant pays the	260
late fee.	261
(D) A copy of the food processing establishment	262
registration certificate shall be conspicuously displayed in an	263
area of the establishment to which customers of the	264
establishment have access.	265
(E)(1) The director or the director's designee may issue	266
an order suspending or revoking a food processing establishment	267
registration upon determining that the registration holder is in	268
violation of this chapter or Chapter 911., 913., 915., or 925.	269
of the Revised Code, as applicable, or applicable rules adopted	270
under those chapters. Except as provided in division (E)(2) of	271

this section, a registration shall not be suspended or revoked

until the registration holder is provided an opportunity to

appeal the suspension or revocation in accordance with Chapter	274
119. of the Revised Code.	275
(2) If the director determines that a food processing	276
establishment presents an immediate danger to the public health,	277
the director may issue an order immediately suspending the	278
establishment's registration without affording the registration	279
holder an opportunity for a hearing. The director then shall	280
afford the registration holder an opportunity for a hearing in	281
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code not later than	282
ten days after the date of suspension.	283
(3) If the director finds that a person is operating a	284
food processing establishment without registering the	285
establishment under this section, the director shall issue a	286
letter of warning to the person giving the person ten days to	287
register the establishment. If the person fails to register the	288
establishment within that ten-day time period, the director may	289
assess a civil penalty against the person. If the director	290
assesses a civil penalty, the director shall do so as follows:	291
(a) If, within five years of the issuance of the letter of	292
warning to the person, the director has not previously assessed	293
a civil penalty against the person under this section, in an	294
amount not exceeding five hundred dollars;	295
(b) If, within five years of the issuance of the letter of	296
warning to the person, the director has previously assessed one	297
civil penalty against the person under this section, in an	298
amount not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars;	299
(c) If, within five years of the issuance of the letter of	300
warning to the person, the director has previously assessed two	301

or more civil penalties against the person under this section,

in an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars.	303
(F) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that establish all of the following:	304 305 306
(1) The date by which a person that is operating a food processing establishment must submit an application for a food processing establishment registration;	307 308 309
(2) The amount of the registration fee that must be submitted with an application for a food processing establishment registration and with an application for renewal;	310 311 312
(3) The amount of the late fee that is required in division (B)(2) of this section;	313 314
(4) The amount of the fee for the late renewal of a food processing establishment registration that is required in division (C)(2) of this section;	315 316 317
(5) Any other procedures and requirements that are necessary to administer and enforce this section.	318 319
(G) The following are not required to pay any registration fee that is otherwise required in this section:	320 321
(1) Bakeries registered under section 911.02 of the Revised Code;	322 323
(2) Canneries licensed under section 913.02 of the Revised Code;	324 325
(3) Soft drink plants licensed under section 913.23 of the Revised Code;	32 <i>6</i> 327
(4) Cold-storage warehouses licensed under section 915.02 of the Revised Code:	328 329

(5) Persons licensed under section 915.15 of the Revised	330
Code;	331
(6) Persons that are engaged in egg production and that	332
maintain annually five hundred or fewer laying hens.	333
(H) All money that is collected under this section shall	334
be credited to the food safety fund created in section 915.24 of	335
the Revised Code.	336
Sec. 3715.07. A flavoring extract is adulterated within	337
the meaning of sections 3715.01 to 3715.37, inclusive, 3715.34	338
of the Revised Code, if, when sold under or by any one of the	339
following names it differs from the standard fixed therefor by	340
this section:	341
(A) Almond extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	342
oil of bitter almonds, free from hydrocyanic acid, and shall	343
contain not less than one per cent by volume of oil of bitter	344
almonds.	345
(B) Anise extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	346
oil of anise, and shall contain not less than three per cent by	347
volume of oil of anise.	348
(C) Celery seed extract is the flavoring extract prepared	349
from celery seed or the oil of celery seed, or both, and shall	350
contain not less than three-tenths per cent by volume of oil of	351
celery seed.	352
(D) Cassia extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	353
oil of cassia, and shall contain not less than two per cent by	354
volume of oil of cassia.	355
(E) Cinnamon extract is the flavoring extract prepared	356
from oil of cinnamon, and shall contain not less than two per	357

cent by volume of oil of cinnamon.	358
(F) Clove extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	359
oil of cloves, and shall contain not less than two percent by	360
volume of oil of cloves.	361
(G) Ginger extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	362
ginger, and shall contain in each one hundred cubic centimeters	363
the alcohol-soluble matters from not less than twenty grams of	364
ginger.	365
(H) Lemon extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	366
oil of lemon or from lemon peel, or both, and shall contain not	367
less than five per cent by volume of oil of lemon.	368
(I) Terpeneless extract of lemon is the flavoring extract	369
prepared by shaking oil of lemon with dilute alcohol, or by	370
dissolving terpeneless oil of lemon in dilute alcohol, and shall	371
contain not less than two-tenths per cent by weight of citral	372
derived from oil of lemon.	373
(J) Nutmeg extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	374
oil of nutmeg, and shall contain not less than two per cent by	375
volume of oil of nutmeg.	376
(K) Orange extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	377
oil of orange or from orange peel, or both, and shall contain	378
not less than five per cent by volume of oil of orange.	379
(L) Terpenless extract of orange is the flavoring extract	380
prepared by shaking oil of orange with dilute alcohol, or by	381
dissolving terpeneless oil of orange in dilute alcohol and shall	382
correspond in flavoring strength to orange extract.	383
(M) Peppermint extract is the flavoring extract prepared	384
from oil of peppermint or from peppermint, or both, and shall	385

contain not less than three per cent by volume of oil of	386
peppermint.	387
(N) Rose extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	388
otto of roses, with or without rose petals, and shall contain	389
not less than four-tenths per cent by volume of otto of roses.	390
(O) Savory extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	391
oil of savory or from savory, or both, and shall contain not	392
less than thirty-five hundredths per cent by volume of oil of	393
savory.	394
(P) Spearmint extract is the flavoring extract prepared	395
from oil of spearmint or from spearmint, or both, and shall	396
contain not less than three per cent by volume of oil of	397
spearmint.	398
(Q) Star anise extract is the flavoring extract prepared	399
from oil of star anise, and shall contain not less than three	400
per cent by volume of oil of star anise.	401
(R) Sweet basil extract is the flavoring extract prepared	402
from oil of sweet basil or from sweet basil, or both, and shall	403
contain not less than one-tenth per cent by volume of oil of	404
sweet basil.	405
(S) Sweet marjoram extract or marjoram extract is the	406
flavoring extract prepared from the oil of marjoram or from	407
marjoram, or both, and shall contain not less than one per cent	408
by volume of oil of marjoram.	409
(T) Thyme extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	410
oil of thyme or from thyme, or both, and shall contain not less	411
than two-tenths per cent by volume of oil of thyme.	412
(U) Tonka extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	413

tonka bean, with or without sugar or glycerine, and shall	414
contain not less than one-tenth per cent by weight of coumarin	415
extracted from the tonka bean, together with a corresponding	416
proportion of the other soluble matters thereof.	417
(V) Vanilla extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	418
vanilla bean, with or without sugar or glycerin, and shall	419
contain in one hundred cubic centimeters the soluble matters	420
from not less than ten grams of the vanilla bean.	421
(W) Wintergreen extract is the flavoring extract prepared	422
from oil of wintergreen, and shall contain not less than three	423
per cent by volume of oil of wintergreen.	424
All of said flavoring extracts shall be a solution in	425
ethyl alcohol of proper strength of the sapid and odorous	426
principles derived from an aromatic plant, or parts of the	427
plant, and shall conform in name to the plant used in its	428
preparation.	429
Sec. 3715.27. (A) As used in this section, "cider" means	430
the unfermented juice, obtained by mechanically expressing the	431
juice from sound, mature, non-citrus fruit, from which is	432
removed excess pulp and seeds, other than embryonic seeds and	433
small fragments of seeds that cannot be separated by good	434
manufacturing practice. The cider may contain natural or	435
artificial citric acid, preservatives authorized by rules	436
adopted under section 3715.02 of the Revised Code, or a	437
combination thereof.	438
(B) For the manufacture of apple cider, a mechanical	439
washing and scrubbing device shall be used to remove orchard	440
soil and dirt from the fruit prior to crushing. This device	441

shall be equipped with automatic scrubbing brushes and a means

No person shall violate sections 3715.28 to 3715.36,

inclusive, 3715.34 of the Revised Code.

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Whoever violates this section shall pay all necessary	472
costs and expenses incurred in inspecting and analyzing the	473
vinegar.	474
Sec. 3715.99. (A) Whoever violates sections section	475
3715.13 to 3715.19, or 3715.38 of the Revised Code is guilty of	476
a minor misdemeanor.	477
(B) Whoever violates section 3715.22, 3715.25, or 3715.27,	478
or 3715.34 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the	479
fourth degree.	480
(C) Whoever violates section 3715.23 or 3715.36 <u>3715.34</u> of	481
the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second	482
degree.	483
(D) Whoever violates section 3715.52 or 3715.65 of the	484
Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree on	485
a first offense; on each subsequent offense, the person is	486
guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.	487
(E) Whoever violates section 3715.521 of the Revised Code	488
is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. A violation of that section	489
occurs on a daily basis, not according to the number of times	490
per day that an expired drug, baby food, or infant formula is	491
sold, offered for sale, or delivered at retail or to the	492
consumer. Each day of violation is a separate offense.	493
Section 2. That existing sections 913.04, 913.28, 915.01,	494
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Section 3. That sections 913.27, 915.04, 915.05, 915.06,	498
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