

**EGG LABELING AMENDMENTS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Tim Jimenez**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill makes changes related to the labeling of cage-free eggs.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ prohibits farm owners and operators from labeling eggs as "cage free" if the egg-laying hens are confined in an enclosure that is not a cage-free housing system or that has less usable floor space per hen than required by specific industry guidelines; and

- ▶ repeals an expired requirement for the Department of Agriculture and Food to provide a report to an interim committee.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**4-4a-103**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 323

REPEALS:

**4-4a-107**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 323



28 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

29 Section 1. Section **4-4a-103** is amended to read:

30 **4-4a-103. Prohibitions.**

31 Beginning on January 1, 2025, [a] if a farm owner or operator labels eggs as "cage-free  
32 eggs," the farm owner or operator may not knowingly confine an egg-laying hen that produces  
33 eggs labeled "cage free" in an enclosure:

34 (1) that is not a cage-free housing system; or

35 (2) that has less than the amount of usable floor space per hen as required by the 2017  
36 edition of the United Egg Producers' Animal Husbandry Guidelines for U.S. Egg-Laying  
37 Flocks: Guidelines for Cage-Free Housing.

38 Section 2. **Repealer.**

39 This bill repeals:

40 Section **4-4a-107, Report.**

41 Section 3. **Effective date.**

42 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.