COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DIVISION OF INSPECTION AND CONSUMER SERVICES

EGG LAW (35-21 C.R.S.) SB 09-127

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Colorado Egg Law ensures that all eggs sold in the state are clean, graded, and properly labeled. This is accomplished through the licensing and inspection of egg retailers and wholesalers.

This bill implements the following DORA 2008 Sunset Review recommendations:

- Continue the Colorado Egg Law for 11 years, until 2020.
- Replace wholesale and retail licenses with a single "egg dealer" license.
- Remove egg license classifications from statute, and allow the Department to establish classifications by rule.
- Allow small egg producers to voluntarily obtain a dealer license.
- Repeal obsolete language and definitions.
- Expand the sanitation and temperature requirements to include vehicles used to transport eggs.
- Authorize the Department to establish license expiration dates by rule.
- Shift rulemaking authority from the Colorado Agricultural Commission to the Commissioner and expand this authority to include transporting and processing eggs.
- Authorize late license renewal fees.