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(Ostriches--livestock)

NJSA: 4:2-17

LAWS OF: 1997 CHAPTER: 316

BILL NO: A2269

SPONSOR(S): Gibson & others

DATE INTRODUCED: July 18, 1996

COMMITTEE: ASSEMBLY: Agriculture  
SENATE: Economic Growth

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No

DATE OF PASSAGE: ASSEMBLY: January 29, 1997  
SENATE: December 18 1997

DATE OF APPROVAL: January 8, 1998

FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

SPONSOR STATEMENT: Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes  
SENATE: Yes

FISCAL NOTE: No

VETO MESSAGE: No

MESSAGE ON SIGNING: No

FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:

REPORTS: No

HEARINGS: No

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Note To §1

P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 316, *approved January 8, 1998*  
Assembly, No. 2269

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2 livestock and supplementing Title 4 of the Revised Statutes.

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9 shall be subject to the laws, rules and regulations governing the  
10 importation, care and breeding of that type of animal in the State.  
11 Nothing in this section or in any other law, rule or regulation,  
12 including the "Endangered and Nongame Species Conservation Act,"  
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14 ostrich, emu, and rhea as exotic animals or wildlife.

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27 Health. Currently, these birds are considered an "exotic species," and  
28 their possession is regulated by the Division of Fish, Game and  
29 Wildlife in the Department of Environmental Protection. The bill also  
30 would permit the Secretary of Agriculture to adopt rules and  
31 regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

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ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND WASTE MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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DATED: NOVEMBER 7, 1996

The Assembly Agriculture and Waste Management Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 2269.

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SENATE ECONOMIC GROWTH, AGRICULTURE AND  
TOURISM COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2269**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 8, 1997

The Senate Economic Growth, Agriculture and Tourism Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 2269.

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