

more than three years, or both. Whoever, in the commission of any such acts, uses a deadly or dangerous weapon, shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than ten years, or both.

197-14.

Before any violation of this Act is reported by the Board to any State's attorney for institution of a criminal proceeding, the person against whom such proceeding is contemplated shall be given reasonable notice of the alleged violation and opportunity to present his views orally or in writing with regard to such contemplated proceeding. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as requiring the Board to report for criminal prosecution VIOLATIONS of this Act whenever ~~he~~ THE BOARD believes that the public interest will be adequately served and compliance with the Act obtained by a suitable written notice or warning.

197-15.

(a) The Board may by regulations prescribe conditions under which poultry products capable of use as human food, shall be stored or otherwise handled by any person engaged in the business of buying, selling, freezing, storing, or transporting, in or for intrastate commerce, such articles, whenever the Board deems such action necessary to assure that such articles will not be adulterated or misbranded when delivered to the consumer.

(b) The Board shall promulgate such other rules and regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

(c) When opportunity is afforded for submission of comments by interested persons on proposed rules or regulations under this Act, there shall be oral presentation of their views.

197-16.

(a) The Board shall, by regulation under conditions, as to sanitary standards, practices, and procedures, exempt from specific provisions of this Act:

(1) retail dealers with respect to poultry products sold directly to consumers in individual retail stores, if the only processing operation performed by such retail dealers is the cutting up of poultry products on the premises where such sales to consumers are made;

(2) for such period of time as the Board determines that it would be impracticable to provide inspection and the exemption will aid in the effective administration of this Act, any person engaged in the processing of poultry or poultry products and the poultry or poultry products processed by such person: Provided, however, That no such exemption shall continue in effect more than 120 days after enactment of this Act;

(3) persons slaughtering, processing, or otherwise handling poultry or poultry products which have been or are to be processed as required by recognized religious dietary laws, to the extent that the Board determines necessary to avoid conflict with such requirements while still effectuating the purposes of this Act;

(4) the slaughtering by any person of poultry of his own raising, and the processing by him and transportation of the poultry products exclusively for use by him and members of his household and his nonpaying guests and employees;

(5) the custom slaughter by any person of poultry delivered by the owner thereof for such slaughter, and the processing by such