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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1	AN ACT
2	relating to egg grading and the selling of ungraded eggs.
3	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
4	SECTION 1. Section 132.002, Agriculture Code, is amended to
5	read as follows:
6	Sec. 132.002. <u>SALE OF UNGRADED EGGS BY PRODUCER</u> [LIMITATION
7	OF CHAPTER]. (a) Except as provided by this section, this [This]
8	chapter does not apply to a person selling only eggs that are
9	produced by the person's own flock and for which the person does not
10	claim a grade.
11	(b) A person who produces eggs as described by Subsection
12	(a) may sell up to 120 dozen ungraded eggs per week directly to
13	consumers or, subject to Subsections (d) and (e), at wholesale.
14	(c) A person who sells ungraded eggs as provided by
15	Subsection (b) shall label the cartons of eggs with a label that:
16	(1) is legible;
17	(2) appears on the top panel of the carton; and
18	(3) contains:
19	(A) the word "ungraded";
20	(B) the producer's name;
21	(C) the producer's address;
22	(D) the producer's license number under
23	Subsection (d), if the eggs are sold or offered for sale at
24	wholesale; and

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                    (E) the date the carton was packed.
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          (d) A person who produces eggs as described by Subsection
   (a) may not sell the eggs at wholesale unless the person holds a
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   license as an ungraded dealer-wholesaler issued by the department.
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         (e) A person who sells eggs as described by Subsection (d)
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   shall:
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               (1) maintain records as provided by Section 132.061;
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   and
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               (2) follow the sanitation requirements of Section
   132.045 when handling eggs sold or offered for sale at wholesale.
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          SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
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   a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
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   provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
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   Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
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Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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