

Chicken Facilities—Permitting Requirements; SB 405

SB 405 amends the law that establishes the number of animals permitted in a confined animal feeding facility (CAFO) for the purpose of determining permitting requirements for new construction or expansion of a CAFO. Under continuing law, a CAFO is required to register with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment if the CAFO has an animal unit capacity of 300 or more. A permit is required for a CAFO with a capacity of 1,000 or more and may be required for a CAFO if the facility poses a significant water pollution potential.

The bill establishes the animal unit measurement calculation for chicken facilities that use a dry manure waste system as the number of laying hens or broilers multiplied by 0.003. In addition, the bill requires a confined chicken facility to obtain a federal permit if the facility uses a dry manure system and confines 125,000 or more broilers or 82,000 or more laying hens.

Further, the bill modifies the definition of “confined feeding facility” to include “building” in addition to the terms “lot,” “pen,” “pool,” and “pond.”