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To amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to allow the interstate sale of State-inspected meat, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. CHENEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to allow the interstate sale of State-inspected meat, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Expanding Markets
5 for State-Inspected Meat Processors Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATE-INSPECTED MEAT.**

7 Section 301 of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21
8 U.S.C. 661) is amended—

1 (1) by striking the section designation and in-
2 serting the following:

3 **“SEC. 301. SALE OF INSPECTED MEAT AND MEAT FOOD**
4 **PRODUCTS.”;**

5 (2) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) by striking “In furtherance of this pol-
7 icy” in the matter preceding paragraph (1) and
8 all that follows through “(1) The Secretary” in
9 paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

10 “(B) STATE PROGRAMS.—

11 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”;

12 (B) by striking “(a) It is” and inserting
13 the following:

14 “(a) STATE MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—

16 “(A) POLICY.—It is”; and

17 (C) in paragraph (1)(B) (as so des-
18 ignated)—

19 (i) in clause (i) (as so designated), by
20 striking “solely for distribution within such
21 State” and inserting “for distribution”;
22 and

23 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
24 lowing:

25 “(ii) INTERSTATE COMMERCE.—

1 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Notwith-
2 standing any other provision of this
3 Act, the Secretary may allow the ship-
4 ment in interstate commerce of car-
5 casses, parts of carcasses, meat, and
6 meat food products inspected under
7 the State meat inspection program de-
8 scribed in clause (i).

9 “(II) ACCEPTANCE OF INTER-
10 STATE SHIPMENTS OF MEAT AND
11 MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS.—Notwith-
12 standing any provision of State law, a
13 State or local government shall not
14 prohibit or restrict the movement or
15 sale of meat or meat food products
16 that have been inspected and passed
17 in accordance with this Act for inter-
18 state commerce.”;

19 (3) in subsection (b), by striking “(b) The ap-
20 propriate” and inserting the following:

21 “(b) COOPERATION OF STATE AGENCY.—The appro-
22 priate”;

23 (4) in subsection (c)—

24 (A) by striking “(c)(1) If the Secretary”
25 and inserting the following:

1 “(c) ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL REQUIRE-
2 MENTS.—

3 “(1) DESIGNATION OF STATES.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary”;

5 (B) in paragraph (1) (as so designated)—

6 (i) in subparagraph (A) (as so des-
7 igned)—

8 (I) in the first sentence, by strik-
9 ing “solely for distribution within
10 such State” and inserting “for dis-
11 tribution”; and

12 (II) in the second sentence, by
13 striking “If the Secretary” and insert-
14 ing the following:

15 “(B) DESIGNATION OF STATES.—

16 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-
17 vided under clause (ii), if the Secretary”;

18 (ii) in subparagraph (B) (as so des-
19 igned)—

20 (I) in clause (i) (as so des-
21 igned)—

22 (aa) in the first sentence, by
23 striking “wholly”; and

1 (bb) by striking “State; *Pro-*
2 *vided*, That if” and inserting the
3 following: “State.
4 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—If”; and
5 (II) in clause (ii) (as so des-
6 ignated)—
7 (aa) in the first sentence—
8 (AA) by striking “such
9 designation” and inserting
10 “a designation made under
11 clause (i)”; and
12 (BB) by striking “he”
13 each place it appears and in-
14 serting “the Secretary”; and
15 (bb) in the second sentence,
16 by striking “The Secretary shall”
17 and inserting the following:
18 “(C) PUBLICATION OF DESIGNATION.—
19 The Secretary shall”;
20 (iii) in subparagraph (C) (as so des-
21 ignated)—
22 (I) in the first sentence—
23 (aa) by striking “if such”;
24 and

1 (bb) by striking “were”
2 after “transactions”; and

3 (II) in the second sentence, by
4 striking “Thereafter, upon request”
5 and inserting the following:

6 “(D) REVOCATION OF DESIGNATION.—On
7 request”;

8 (iv) in subparagraph (D) (as so des-
9 ignated)—

10 (I) in the first sentence, by strik-
11 ing “such designation” and inserting
12 “a designation made under subpara-
13 graph (B)(i)”; and

14 (II) by striking “title IV of this
15 Act: *And provided further*, That, not-
16 withstanding”; and inserting the fol-
17 lowing: “title IV.

18 “(E) ADULTERATED MEAT OR MEAT FOOD
19 PRODUCT.—

20 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding”;
21 and

22 (v) in subparagraph (E) (as so des-
23 ignated)—

24 (I) in clause (i) (as so des-
25 ignated)—

- 1 (aa) in the first sentence—
- 2 (AA) by striking “with-
- 3 in such State”; and
- 4 (BB) by striking “sec-
- 5 tion 301 of the Act” and in-
- 6 serting “this section”; and
- 7 (bb) in the second sentence,
- 8 by striking “If the State” and in-
- 9 serting the following:
- 10 “(ii) ENFORCEMENT.—If the State”;
- 11 and
- 12 (II) in clause (ii) (as so des-
- 13 igned), by striking “as though en-
- 14 gaged in commerce”;
- 15 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “(2) The
- 16 provisions” and inserting the following:
- 17 “(2) EXCEPTIONS TO INSPECTION.—The provi-
- 18 sions”;
- 19 (D) in paragraph (3)—
- 20 (i) by striking “(3) Whenever” and in-
- 21 serting the following:
- 22 “(3) TERMINATION OF DESIGNATION.—If”;
- 23 and
- 24 (ii) by striking “he” and inserting
“the Secretary”; and

1 (E) in paragraph (4), by striking “(4) The
2 Secretary” and inserting the following:
3 “(4) REPORT.—The Secretary”; and
4 (5) in subsection (d), by striking “(d) As used
5 in” and inserting the following:
6 “(d) DEFINITION OF STATE.—In”.