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H. R. 2859

To amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to exempt from inspection the slaughter of animals and the preparation of carcasses conducted at a custom slaughter facility, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2019

Mr. MASSIE (for himself, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. AMASH, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. PERRY, and Ms. STEFANIK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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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 “Processing Revival and
5 Intrastate Meat Exemption Act” or the “PRIME Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION FOR SLAUGHTER AND PREPARATION**
2 **OCCURRING AT CUSTOM SLAUGHTER FACILI-**
3 **TIES.**

4 Section 23 of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21
5 U.S.C. 623) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (b), (c), and
7 (d) as paragraphs (c), (d), and (e), respectively;

8 (2) by inserting after paragraph (a) the fol-
9 lowing new paragraph:

10 “(b)(1) The provisions of this title requiring inspec-
11 tion of the slaughter of animals and the preparation of
12 the carcasses, parts thereof, meat and meat food products
13 at establishments conducting such operations for com-
14 merce shall not apply to the slaughtering by any person
15 of animals at a custom slaughter facility, and the prepara-
16 tion at such custom slaughter facility and transportation
17 in commerce of the carcasses, parts thereof, meat and
18 meat food products of such animals if—

19 “(A) the slaughtering and preparation carried
20 out at such custom slaughter facility is carried out
21 in accordance with the law of the State in which the
22 custom slaughter facility is located; and

23 “(B) the animals are so slaughtered and the
24 carcasses, parts thereof, meat and meat food prod-
25 ucts of such animals are so prepared exclusively for
26 distribution to—

1 “(i) household consumers within the State;

2 and

3 “(ii) restaurants, hotels, boarding houses,

4 grocery stores, or other establishments located

5 in such State that—

6 “(I) are involved in the preparation of

7 meals served directly to consumers; or

8 “(II) offer meat and meat food prod-

9 ucts for sale directly to consumers in the

10 State.

11 “(2) For purposes of subparagraph (1), the term

12 ‘State’ means each State of the United States, the District

13 of Columbia, and each territory or possession of the

14 United States.”; and

15 (3) in paragraph (c) (as redesignated by para-

16 graph (1)), in the second sentence, by striking

17 “paragraph (b)” and inserting “paragraph (c)”.

18 **SEC. 3. NO PREEMPTION OF STATE LAW.**

19 The amendments made by section 2 shall not be con-

20 strued as preempting any State law that concerns the

21 slaughter of animals or the preparation of carcasses, parts

22 thereof, meat and meat food products at a custom slaugh-

23 ter facility, or the sale of meat or meat food products.

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