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To amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act to provide for the eventual removal of intrastate distribution restrictions on State inspected meat and poultry.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 26, 1997

Mr. THORNBERRY (for himself, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. THUNE, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. LIVINGSTON, and Mr. SESSIONS) 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. REMOVAL OF INTRASTATE DISTRIBUTION RE-**
4 **STRICTIONS ON STATE INSPECTED MEAT**
5 **AND POULTRY.**

6 (a) FEDERAL MEAT INSPECTION ACT.—

1 (1) REMOVAL OF INTRASTATE DISTRIBUTION
2 LIMITATION.—Section 301 of the Federal Meat In-
3 spection Act (21 U.S.C. 661) is amended—

4 (A) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
5 section (e); and

6 (B) by inserting after subsection (c) the
7 following new subsection:

8 “(d) REMOVAL OF INTRASTATE DISTRIBUTION LIM-
9 TATION.—

10 “(1) PERMANENT REMOVAL.—Effective January 25,
11 2000, the limitation in subsection (a)(1) that restricts
12 State inspected meat and meat food products to intrastate
13 distribution shall no longer apply.

14 “(2) EARLY WAIVER AUTHORITY.—Before the date
15 specified in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall waive the
16 intrastate distribution limitation in subsection (a)(1) with
17 regard to a State if the Secretary determines that the
18 meat inspection agency for the State enforces a State
19 meat inspection law that imposes mandatory ante mortem
20 and post mortem inspection, reinspection, and sanitation
21 requirements that are at least equal to those under title
22 I and IV of this Act, with respect to persons engaged in
23 the State in slaughtering cattle, sheep, swine, goats, or
24 equines, or preparing the carcasses, parts thereof, meat

1 or meat food products, of any such animals for use as
 2 human food.”.

3 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Subsection
 4 (a) of such section is amended—

5 (A) in the matter before paragraph (1), by
 6 striking “this policy—” and inserting “this pol-
 7 icy.”; and

8 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “The
 9 Secretary is” and inserting “Subject to sub-
 10 section (d), the Secretary is”.

11 (b) POULTRY PRODUCTS INSPECTION ACT.—

12 (1) REMOVAL OF INTRASTATE DISTRIBUTION
 13 LIMITATION.—Section 5 of the Poultry Products In-
 14 spection Act (21 U.S.C. 454) is amended—

15 (A) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
 16 section (e); and

17 (B) by inserting after subsection (c) the
 18 following new subsection:

19 “(d) REMOVAL OF INTRASTATE DISTRIBUTION LIMI-
 20 TATION.—

21 “(1) PERMANENT REMOVAL.—Effective January 25,
 22 2000, the limitation in subsection (a)(1) that restricts
 23 State inspected poultry and poultry products to intrastate
 24 distribution shall no longer apply.

1 “(2) EARLY WAIVER AUTHORITY.—Before the date
 2 specified in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall waive the
 3 intrastate distribution limitation in subsection (a)(1) with
 4 regard to a State if the Secretary determines that the
 5 poultry product inspection agency for the State enforces
 6 a mandatory State poultry product inspection law that im-
 7 poses ante mortem and post mortem inspection, reinspec-
 8 tion, and sanitation requirements that are at least equal
 9 to those under this Act, with respect to persons engaged
 10 in the State in slaughtering poultry or processing poultry
 11 products for use as human food.”.

12 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Subsection
 13 (a) of such section is amended—

14 (A) in the matter before paragraph (1), by
 15 striking “this policy—” and inserting “this pol-
 16 icy.”; and

17 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “The
 18 Secretary is” and inserting “Subject to sub-
 19 section (d), the Secretary is”.

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