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To promote food safety through continuation of the Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database program operated by the Secretary of Agriculture.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ANDREWS 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. FOOD ANIMAL RESIDUE AVOIDANCE DATABASE**

4 **PROGRAM.**

5 (a) CONTINUATION OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary of
6 Agriculture shall continue operation of the Food Animal
7 Residue Avoidance Database program (referred to in this
8 section as the “FARAD program”) through appropriate
9 colleges or universities.

1 (b) ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the FARAD pro-
2 gram, the Secretary of Agriculture shall—

3 (1) provide livestock producers, extension spe-
4 cialists, scientists, and veterinarians with informa-
5 tion to prevent drug, pesticide, and environmental
6 contaminant residues in food animal products;

7 (2) maintain up-to-date information concern-
8 ing—

9 (A) withdrawal times on FDA-approved
10 food animal drugs and appropriate withdrawal
11 intervals for drugs used in food animals in the
12 United States, as established under section
13 512(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
14 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 360b(a));

15 (B) official tolerances for drugs and pes-
16 ticides in tissues, eggs, and milk;

17 (C) descriptions and sensitivities of rapid
18 screening tests for detecting residues in tissues,
19 eggs, and milk; and

20 (D) data on the distribution and fate of
21 chemicals in food animals;

22 (3) publish periodically a compilation of food
23 animal drugs approved by the Food and Drug Ad-
24 ministration;

1 (4) make information on food animal drugs
2 available to the public through handbooks and other
3 literature, computer software, a telephone hotline,
4 and the Internet;

5 (5) furnish producer quality-assurance pro-
6 grams with up-to-date data on approved drugs;

7 (6) maintain a comprehensive and up-to-date
8 residue avoidance database;

9 (7) provide professional advice for determining
10 the withdrawal times necessary for food safety in the
11 use of drugs in food animals; and

12 (8) engage in other activities designed to pro-
13 mote food safety.

14 (c) GRANTS.—The Secretary of Agriculture may
15 make grants to colleges and universities to operate the
16 FARAD program. The term of a grant shall be three
17 years, with options to extend the term of the grant tri-
18 ennially.

19 (d) FUNDS FOR PROGRAM.—There is authorized to
20 be appropriated to carry out this section \$1,000,000 for
21 each fiscal year. To the extent that funds made available
22 to carry out the FARAD program are insufficient for a
23 fiscal year, the Secretary of Agriculture may use other

1 funds appropriated to the Secretary for research, edu-
2 cation, and extension activities.

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